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# Sunken cargo boat is salvaged

**ANTI-VIOLENCE WARRIORS** ERWIN ENCINARES

From left, Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence chair Eulalia Villagomez Arriola, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, CNMI first lady Diann Torres, and Nikita Cabrera applaud as Torres signs the proclamation declaring October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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The 36-foot boat carrying 3,000-4,000 lbs of cargo from Saipan that sank at the Tinian Harbor was successfully salvaged on Wednesday.

There was a minor oil spill due to some leak but everything was captured by the containment boom, according to Tinian Department of Public Safety director Juan Santos.

Yesterday morning, divers hired by the boat's owner, Huangshun Corp., cleaned the debris on the seafloor.

The Coastal Resources Management and the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality are assessing any damage possibly caused to the corals.

Santos said the vessel was towed, lifted, and loaded to a bigger boat on Wednesday at 4:30pm.

Santos said the salvage operation, which began with a briefing at 11am, was called

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# Judge enters $261K judgment vs Dynasty

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The federal court has entered a $261,000 judgment in favor of a man and his wife, the man a survivor of a 2006 plane crash in Upper Dandan.

Manglona

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued the judgment in favor of Patrick James Timmerman and his wife, Maria Purley Agcaoili, and against Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino and its owner, Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment Ltd., and Taga Air Charter Services Inc.

Manglona issued the order on Wednesday after Tinian Dynasty, Hong Kong Entertainment, and Taga Air Charter were found delinquent in their $450,000 settlement agreement.

Manglona said that under the settlement agreement, the parties agreed that "if defendants shall be delinquent in any one payment for more than 10 days from the due date for that payment, then plaintiffs, upon written notice to defendants, shall be entitled to a judgment against defendants in

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# Karidat: 30 pct. of families at shelter directly related to 'ice' abuse

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Out of the 65 families that have been sheltered at Karidat Social Services' Guma Esperansa this year, 30 percent of the cases were directly related to methamphetamine or "ice" abuse, according to Karidat counselor Elaine C. Dela Cruz.

A total of 65 families were taken in by Guma Esperansa from January to mid-July this calendar year, and that 103 of those were children, Dela Cruz said.

The Karidat counselor said out of the 103 children that they served, 53 or 51 percent were directly affected by this drug problem.

Dela Cruz discussed their services at the shelter during the first CNMI Drug Court Stakeholders Presentation co-hosted by the Office of the Governor and CNMI Judiciary at Fiesta Resort and Spa's Hibiscus Hall on Tuesday.

Guma Esperansa (House of Justice) is a shelter for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking,

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# Local

## MVA wants to rekindle Japanese market

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Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion talked about rekindling the Japanese tourist market during the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan last Tuesday.

Concepcion shared that MVA is now discussing direct flights with two Japanese airlines, but he declined to name them.

"Without naming any names specifically, we are under discussions with two different airlines, two different low-cost carriers with flights from Japan to Saipan, both direct flights. I don't expect anything to launch within the next 3-6 months, but hopefully sometime in 2017 is what we're eyeing, with the goal of having extra flights from Japan."

Concepcion recognized that the Japanese market itself has shrunk, dealing lasting blows in Guam and Hawaii but not as much for the CNMI.

Concepcion also shared that the MVA is having a hard time attracting new airlines.

"It's a little tough when the [Commonwealth Ports Authority] is unable to contribute to our efforts. I really think that they should be out there in the forefront attracting airlines. They own the airport, they get the revenue from the airlines, but we're doing our part and we're not

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# McDonald's donates $5K to ARC's Club 200

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McDonald's Saipan is once again giving the American Red Cross NMI Chapter a helping hand for its upcoming Club 200 fundraiser.

The local franchisee of the popular fast-food restaurant donated $5,000 for the Red Cross' signature fundraising event.

Siblings Joe Jr. and Mable Ayuyu presented the $5,000 check to ARC NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsch. Joe Jr. is the shift manager of McDonald's Saipan, while Mable is the executive assistant to the president.

They said the Red Cross is an organization that gives back to the community by providing various services in times of disaster like when Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan in August last year.

"The other groups and organizations, they are always around and yes, we are also happy to help them but when you are in a corner and you have lost a lot, these [ARC] guys are there to pick you up and rescue you and kind of give you motivation to move on and give you the strength as well. That's what separates these guys from the other groups," said Joe Jr.

Mable added that ARC is the largest organization helping the community, having a greater reach of influence.

"We believe that the Red Cross are superheroes, you know? That's why the theme of this year's event as my brother would say is very fitting to what they do for the community. They're like the unsung heroes that nobody really knows when we need them unless Typhoon Soudelor or some huge disaster happens," she added.

Tickets for the event, which is set on Oct. 15 from 6m to 10pm at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, are $100 per person or $125 at the door.

As alluded to by Mable, this year's Club 200 will adopt the theme "Super Heroes Dinner and Raffle." It will allow participants to enjoy a delicious meal and have a chance to win a variety of prizes, including the $10,000 grand prize while supporting a worthy cause.

All proceeds of the event will go locally to support other local American Red Cross programs to further aid in revitalizing the community.

One such program is the Disaster Service Program, which helps the community by aiding in the spread of awareness concerning disasters in the CNMI and responding to fires, flooding, and typhoons. Moreover, DSP also focuses on long-term recovery, for up to three years after events take place.

"It took about six months to efficiently help with damages from the recent typhoon, spending $5.5 million on repairs," said Hirsch.

Health and safety, assisting families of those in the armed services, and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, swimming, and lifeguard trainings are the other programs that ARC offers to the community aside from disaster preparedness and assistance.

Hirsch said their goal for the fundraiser is to be able to sell 1,200 tickets, which could amount to more than $100,000.

JON PEREZ
McDonald's shift manager Joe Ayuyu Jr., second right, and his sister Mable E. Ayuyu, executive assistant to the president right, hands over their check donation to American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsch, third left, in yesterday's simple ceremony at McDonald's Middle Road.

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# OPA reminds govt employees on election activities

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REPORTER

The Office of the Public Auditor reminded all employees of CNMI government agencies, branches, departments, autonomous agencies, and public corporations not to use office hours and their resources on political activities.

Public Auditor Michael Pai said their office has received complaints on alleged violations of the CNMI Government Ethics Code Act of 1992 where government employees are allegedly involved in political activities during work hours and using government resources.

There's a month left before the CNMI general elections where more than 60 are running for close to 40 seats, with all 20 from the House of Representatives.

Section 8534 (b) of the Ethics Act "prohibits any public official or employee from knowingly and willingly causing public funds, time, personnel, and/or equipment to be used for political and/or campaign activity. Violations may be punished under 1 CMC 8572."

Any individual found guilty of knowingly violating what the law states or giving false, incomplete, and misleading information to OPA shall be fined by no less than $5,000.

"We ask you to remind your employees of the absolute prohibition under CNMI law barring any government public officials or public employees from using government time, money, or resources for political activity," wrote Pai in a letter posted in government premises.

Some employees were allegedly asking for campaign donations during government office hours. The complaints, if substantiated, would constitute criminal acts and potentially subject the government employee/s to sanctions.

Selling of plates, lunches, and tickets to political fundraisers to benefit a candidate, and recruiting volunteers for campaign activities are some of the types of campaign donations.

"To be clear, if any such political activity has been undertaken by government employees, on government time or using government equipment, it should stop immediately. Such violations of CNMI law will be investigated and, where warranted, it will be prosecuted diligently," he added.

He is also encouraging individuals to report to their immediate supervisor or division head, or directly to the OPA if one sees such activities.

The OPA is also conducting training on provisions of the Ethics Act to government agencies, branches, departments, autonomous agencies, and public corporations that are interested.

For more information or questions, call Ashley Kost at 322-3937.

Chris Concepcion speaks during the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan on Tuesday. ERWIN ENCINARES

## MVA

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going to wait for anybody," he said. "We are going to go out there and attract more airlines and get more business for the CNMI. Japan is definitely on the radar, and we got marching orders from the governor to focus on Japan."

He said that 30 percent for Japan, 30 percent China, and 30 percent Korea each is the ideal breakdown.

"Our plan is to revitalize numbers and stabilize it going forward, so that we are not too heavily reliant on one market, which is very dangerous on a strategic standpoint. For long-term growth, ideally we would have 30 percent among the Big 3—Korea, China, and Japan—with a 10 percent made up of Russia, Taiwan, and others. That is our goal strategically long term, and Japan is a big part of it."

## BOAT

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off at 6pm.

At 7:30pm Wednesday, the boat carrying the vessel left for Saipan for repair.

The Tinian DPS director said a boom truck with a small crane was used in the salvage operation.

As the vessel was lifted, it spilled the remaining cargo that was on board, Santos said.

"Luckily, the containment boom was there," he said.

Santos said there were some minor oil leak but not from the vessel's main tank.

He said the U.S. Coast Guard was aware of the minor oil spill, which was captured by the containment boom.

Santos said he is thankful for the safe recovery of the sunken boat because of the collaboration of the Tinian Mayor's Office, Tinian DPS, Tinian Division of Fish and Wildlife, Tinian Commonwealth Ports Authority, and Saipan's DPS, CRM, BECQ, and Fish and Wildlife.

The boat reportedly lost propulsion as it was entering the Tinian Harbor Monday afternoon and completely sank that night as it was towed away from the reef.

The vessel's captain and a crew were safely rescued by a Tinian DPS Boating Safety officer aboard a jet ski.

## JUDGE

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an amount equal to the difference between [the settlement amount of] $450,000 and the amount previously paid by defendants pursuant to this agreement."

Last Jan. 29, the Timmerman couple gave written notice to defendants of delinquency of the January 2016 payment of $3,000.

Manglona said in his declaration, plaintiffs' counsel William Fitzgerald affirms that up until January 2016, defendants had paid $189,000, leaving an unpaid balance of $261,000.

Manglona said defendants have not filed a response to the motion and that the time to respond has expired.

The Timmerman couple filed a motion, asking the court to issue a judgment in the amount of $261,000 against defendants pursuant to a previous court's order and the settlement agreement.

Patrick Timmerman is a licensed pilot who was then employed with Tinian Dynasty when the crash happened. He was seated next to the pilot, Brent J. Hinkemeyer.

Patrick Timmerman suffered severe and permanent injuries when the Piper Cherokee aircraft crashed on a farm in Upper Dandan en route to Tinian on Aug. 11, 2006.

Patrick Timmerman sued all defendants except Hinkemeyer. His wife, Maria, and their minor son joined in the lawsuit.

The parties entered a settlement agreement in December 2010.

Last April 20, Manglona ordered HKE to pay $1.4 million to two other plane crash survivors to satisfy their settlement agreements.

Manglona said HKE shall pay $606,723.10 to Tomoyuki Nagata and $769,229.61 to Dr. Jun Takimoto and his family collectively, for a total of $1,375,952.71.

Manglona issued the order after Nagata and Takimoto asked the court to enforce the terms of their settlement agreement after HKE was delinquent in its payment.

Timmerman, Takimoto, Nagata, and Yoko Kamiyama were among the seven passengers of the Piper Cherokee aircraft that crashed on a farm in Upper Dandan en route to Tinian on Aug. 11, 2006.

HKE settled the lawsuits filed by the survivors. The court subsequently dismissed the lawsuits in February 2010.

## KARIDAT

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and dating violence.

Dela Cruz said those who go to the shelter are oftentimes people distancing themselves from drug users.

She disclosed, however, that they have started to see a trend where the victims who come their way are also drug users.

Dela Cruz said perpetrators would use scare tactics if victims call the police, saying they (victims) would be arrested too because they are also drug users.

For some nonresident victims, Dela Cruz said, the perpetrators would tell them that if they call the police, then they would be deported because they are illegal as they're not supposed to work.

"We have seen an increase in the number of families affected by "ice" in particular," she said.

Dela Cruz said they believe in recovery and second chances. "If we didn't we would not be in this field. …We are in the business to give them hope, to help them rebuild."

She said when victims come their way they have to stabilize the situation with crisis intervention.

At the time, Dela Cruz said, adrenaline is still running as victims are still trying to call the police.

"We try to stabilize the situation, stabilize the mom, stabilize the children," she said.

Dela Cruz said they believe at Guma Esperansa that if the victims can get a good night sleep, things would look a bit different in the morning.

She said they also offer court advocacy because sometimes the victims need a temporary restraining order.

The counselor said they help the victims identify different support services because it's really important, especially for those who are not from the CNMI and know no one.

"We do the best we can because there is always hope," she said.

Dela Cruz said they support the drug court.

"If the drug court can help the perpetrators and help them change their behavior and their thinking, and we have the moms and the kids and we work with them, I think potentially that really would have a wonderful outcome," she said.

The counselor added that they look forward to a strong collaboration with the CNMI Drug Court.

# CHCC now offers free classes on how to manage chronic diseases

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The Non-Communicable Diseases Bureau of the Commonwealth Health Center is now offering free classes on how to manage chronic diseases like diabetes.

Oct. 5 was the first session of the new Chronic Disease Self-Management Education class. The program is currently being led by bureau administrator Rebecca Robles, Patient Referral Outreach advocate Nikki T. Sablan, and Diabetes Program assistant Amber Mendiola.

The staff, which was recently trained in the Stanford University self-management model, created classes designed to help people with chronic diseases learn simple tools to better manage their disease.

The program's duration is six weeks, consisting of one 2 ½-hour course per week. Attendees should expect to do weekly goal setting, practice communicating effectively with family, friends and health professionals, learn tips on healthy eating, how to relax, etc. The course allows people to understand the severity of not only tobacco and substance abuse but any other constant pains such as asthma and arthritis and offers tips on how to relieve them as much as possible.

"…It's something that we've been wanting…[for people] to at least have some basic knowledge of chronic diseases, to be able to share this information and education to people so they can manage their diseases better," said Robles.

Sablan added, "I am currently a patient advocate for our diabetes referral program so it's something I could use to help the patients I already work with and build our capacity to provide more services for them."

Robles has been the NCD Bureau administrator for the past couple of years, while Sablan has been with Public Health for about a year.

The program also checks up with its participants as far as three months past the last session in order to help maintain the teachings participants received. Classes are free and up to 20 participants were able to join. For more information such as time schedules and location, call (670) 236-8719.

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From right, Best Sunshine International chief executive officer Mark Brown, chief services officer Tao Xing, and majority stockholder Xi Jiabo made a presentation last Monday to members of the House of Representatives at the House chamber in the Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building.

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Best Sunshine International, Ltd. CEO Mark A. Brown said Saipan is creating quite a stir in the international casino community, with most of his colleagues in Las Vegas and Macau constantly asking him about the multi-billion dollar project of Hong Kong-based conglomerate Imperial Pacific International.

"We are the buzz. They've been asking me, 'Saipan, where's Saipan?' It is near Guam, but when you get here and you look at the island, you'll know and learn the history behind Saipan," said Brown.

BSI, an IPI subsidiary, leased almost half of luxury products shop T Galleria to operate a live training facility. They would transfer the temporary casino to an adjacent site once Phase 1 of the Grand Mariana Casino Hotel and Resort opens early next year.

Brown said the rest of the casino world could see the first phase of their hotel casino on Garapan when they open in February. "They are already looking [forward] on Saipan. I can't go to Macau or Las Vegas without everyone talking about Saipan. They would always ask me, 'What is going on there?'"

"Of course, you've got the believers and the non-believers, on what this is. On what we're doing now, I can't wait for this beautiful six-star building to open up so just they could say, 'okay, we believe it.'"

Aside from the gaming industry, which is in its infancy stage, Saipan's proximity and its natural beauty are among its selling points, Brown said. "The island is close to China and it is visa-free for Chinese tourists."

"So besides the tourism piece, beautiful hotels, scuba diving, restaurants, the boats, the sky, all these things, yes we also have gaming. So it is convenient to come here for these wealthy mainland Chinese guys."

He said news of Saipan's lone casino is spreading by word of mouth. "All the other gaming destinations in the world are surrounded by buildings and in the middle of the city. There's no other place that has this, if there is anything that is compared to this, it is too far away."

"You would think of the Bahamas. Now we're taking business from Australia because it is a far ride. This is so convenient and beautiful. If you land at the airport, in less than an hour you are already in your hotel room. There's no traffic, it's like a 30-minute ride and you're already checking in your hotel room."

He said BSI is taking care of the VIPs and other high rollers so they would have a great and memorable experience visiting the islands. "They are loving our yachts, loving the villas, loving the fishing and catching the largest tuna, and barbecues on the beach, they love these things."

"But now, because of gaming industry, they are also talking about the gaming piece. The mainland Chinese guys, they are talking about the yachts, they've been talking about us because of the two yachts that the company bought."

BSI's two 150-foot yachts offer a private 24-hour chef, a butler, and a boat captain that has a six-member crew. "You can't duplicate that. You can't get that in Macau or Singapore. So when we succeed, the islands also succeeds," added Brown.

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Stakeholders in the 22nd Domestic Violence Awareness Month have their picture taken at the Saipan World Resort. The event was hosted by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

# '167 survivors sought relief from the family court'

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

In the CNMI alone, a total of 167 people asked the Family Court Division for temporary restraining orders against their partners in 2015, all of them cases of domestic violence.

On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States—more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year.

These shocking statistics highlighted the proclamation signed by CNMI Gov. Ralph DLG Torres yesterday at the Saipan World Resort for the 22nd Domestic Violence Awareness Month, as hosted by the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

According to the proclamation, domestic violence remains a serious but silent crime. While women make up the majority of the victims, men can experience this too, but the children suffer the most.

"Domestic violence affects every member of our community, especially children who are most vulnerable. Children who grow up in violent homes are more likely to have behavioral problems such as depression, anxiety, and poor social development. In addition, they are more likely to engage in risky behaviors such as drugs, and sexual assault crimes," states part of the proclamation.

Torres said that it doesn't matter who the violator is, and stressed that domestic violence should not tolerated. "If anyone of you sees me beating up my wife, I want you to call the cops. Because she doesn't deserve it, neither do the kids. It doesn't matter who they are. This is something that is [important] to all of us," said Torres. "We were standing there when the students from Mount Carmel School came up and they asked, 'Is it me? Did I do it? Am I responsible for why dad and mom are abusive?' You don't want your children to blame themselves for something that the elders are doing, so please, go out there, and if you see it, report it, if the Fire Department is not doing as much as we would like to, let me know. We'll put more emphasis, more enforcement into it. With this, I would like to thank DVAM for the awareness that goes out in the community."

NMCADSV executive director Maisie Tenorio said, "Obviously Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a time where we focus our attention on awareness on the issue. We work to find domestic violence all year long, but in October we try to focus our message to the community, the victims, and the survivors and let them know that we are here for them, and there are services and people available to educate the community about what domestic violence really is, so if they know someone or somebody that is close to them, they have a better understanding of what it is, because survivors tell us all the time that it is so hard to report. …We are trying to make it easier for them, to try and create a space where they are empowered, so that they could reach out and get help, and have a healthier and safer relationship, because it can get very dangerous for victims to leave."

For more information, contact the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence at 234-3878.

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# Camacho, Mangubat top Pacifica Art Contest

Two students got a surprise visit at their schools on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, from Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. underwriter Samantha Sikayun, assistant underwriter Jian Joyner, and intern Greggy Pialuna after the two won first place in the 2016 Pacifica Art Contest.

Mount Carmel School's 10-year-old Vidal Jose H. Camacho won first place in the 6-11 age division, and Marianas High School's 16-year-old Cerijean F. Mangubat won first place in the 12-17 age division.

There were a total of 347 submissions: 211 entries for the 6-11 age division and 136 for the 12-17 age division.

"The amount of entries each year continues to climb. Competition remains high. But our objective to support the arts and to present our children an option to harness their artistic skills and to keep them from wandering off the wrong path is most essential," said Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. executive vice president Shirley Sablan. "I thank school administrators for encouraging their pupils to join and for their ongoing support."

Camacho and Mangubat each received a $200 check and various art supplies.

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Mount Carmel School's 10-year-old Vidal Jose H. Camacho shows off his prize after winning first place in the 6-11 age division of the Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc. Art Contest.

Other winners ranked under the Top 5 list include (name, age, school):

## Category 1: ages 6-11

- 2nd place - Sara Elizabeth Keaton, 10, Grace Christian Academy
- 3rd place - Christina Kim, 11, (school unknown)
- 4th place - Seiyul Hong, 10, Saipan International School
- 5th place - Jason Kim, 9, Seventh Day Adventist

## Category 2: ages 12-17

- 2nd place - Joana Marie Manlapag Ridgo, 17, Saipan Southern High School
- 3rd place - No Eun So, 14, Saipan International School
- 4th place - Jessa Lyn P. Lizama, 14, Marianas High School
- 5th place - Maureen Faye Doculan, 17, Saipan International School

"Kudos to both Vidal Camacho and Cerijean Mangubat for a job well done. To all others, don't be discouraged. Your pieces were just as valuable to our contest," said Sablan.

This year's judging panel included first lady Diann Torres, TanHoldings Logistics vice president Alex Sablan, Quinn Consulting, LLC owner Kanae Quinn, and The Warehouse LLC president Richard Cole.

"It was interesting to see how the kids see things," said Cole.

"Nothing makes me happier than to see our children gain confidence in joining this type of contests. It is important that they feel free to willingly express their skills, artistic abilities and imaginations," said Torres.

Students were asked to create and submit an original art piece from July 4, 2016, to Sept. 16, 2016, under the slogan "Rest assured, it's Christmas." Permitted mediums included water-based paint, oil-based paint, pastels, crayons and pencils. Maximum dimensions were 18 inches by 24 inches.

The artwork of the top five winners will be made available for viewing on Pacifica's art contest webpage (www.pacificains.com/artcontest) and the company's Facebook social media page (facebook.com/pacificainsuranceunderwriters).

Pacifica Insurance is located at the Joeten Center in Susupe. ***(PR)***

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# BSI-CSR launches photo contest for children

Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team presents its 2nd Annual Photography Contest with this year's theme focused on the celebration of the indigenous cultures in the CNMI. The BSI CSR Cultural Heritage Photography Contest's slogan is: "Ta Silelebra Manhayi Hit. Mwareti Iyo Ghiisch. Celebrating Who We Are."

The BSI Cultural Heritage Photography Contest is open to all public and private school students, from Kindergarten to high school.

BSI CSR executive director Geri Dela Cruz said, "As a continuation of Cultural Heritage Month, Best Sunshine International's Corporate Social Responsibility team really wants to focus on recognizing the indigenous cultures of the CNMI."

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Eleven-year-old Easton Cabrera Dela Cruz from Hopwood Jr. High School is excited about this photo contest.

"This photo contest is mainly for students in different clusters and its primary goal is to promote the continuation of cultural heritage within our children. We would like parents and family members to encourage their kids to participate in this photo contest. Hopefully, this will encourage stirring up our cultural practices within their families and allow the children to learn more about their culture," Dela Cruz added.

BSI wants to give students the opportunity to dig deeper into past and existing cultural traditions practiced by the indigenous people of the CNMI.

Eleven-year-old Easton Cabrera Dela Cruz from Hopwood Jr. High School is excited about this.

"For me, it's important to have traditions so other people can learn a little bit more about our culture. We practice it so when we have kids of our own, we can pass it down to them. I'm proud to be Chamorro because we have a very respectful culture. For example, I was taught to 'fangingi' our elders. When you see an elder, you go up to them and you 'amen' them and then they bless you. I also like learning about cooking different kinds of Chamorro foods. I've learned about Chamorro foods by watching my family cook these dishes many times. It's important to watch our elders so we can teach future generations what we learned, like how I learned traditions from my family."

Students are allowed to submit one raw unedited photo for the contest that they believe is a befitting representation of the indigenous cultures of the CNMI. Photos that are digitally enhanced or altered will be disqualified.

Each student's photo must be submitted electronically from Oct. 3, 2016 to Oct. 28, 2016, to mosablan@bestsunshinesaipan.com.

All photos must be in .jpeg or .jpg form and no larger than 2MB. Students must indicate in the email their full names, school, grade, email address, and telephone number.

They must also include the official title of their photo and a short caption explaining why they believe their photo is a representation of the indigenous cultures of the CNMI.

A photo will only be accepted as long as it is taken within the timeframe of the photo contest. All photos taken before the duration of the photo contest will be disqualified.

Prizes will be given to each division: Kindergarten/Head Start, elementary, middle school, and high school. Students with the best photograph in the Kindergarten/Head Start division and elementary division will win a cash prize of: $200 for first place, $100 for second place, and $50 for third place. Students with the best photograph in the middle school division and high school division will win a cash prize of: $300 for first place, $200 for second place, and $100 for third place. A grand prize of $500 will be given to the school that has the largest number of submissions and the money will go toward their CCLHS program.

If anyone has any questions regarding the photo contest, email BSI CSR manager Alexander Palacios at apalacios@bestsunshinesaipan.com or BSI PR & Communications liaison Monique Sablan at mosablan@bestsunshinesaipan.com. (***PR***)

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**CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

**AGENDA**

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
   a) Call to Order
   b) Roll Call
   c) Adoption of July 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes

II. PERMIT APPLICATION

   1. BEACH ROAD ROUTE 33 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
      CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2016-X-088
      a. Project Introduction
      b. Discussion by DCRM Agency Officials and Director
      c. Permit Application Status

   2. ATISA GUAM-CNMI FIBER OPTIC CABLE
      CRM Permit Application No. S/T/RMS-2016-X-083
      a. Project Introduction
      b. Discussion by DCRM Agency Officials and Director
      c. Permit Application Status

III. OTHER MATTERS
IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ **FRANCES A. CASTRO**
DCRM Director

# SHRM holds presentation that promotes effective communication

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

Only 15 percent of Americans trust business leaders to tell the truth. On a global scale, only 28 percent of more than 30,000 respondents believe that businesses follow ethical practices.

These sobering numbers were unveiled Wednesday by Dianna Gould, the Society for Human Resource Management Pacific West Region field services director, who served as guest speaker of the local SHRM's monthly meeting Wednesday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Gould described effective workplace communication as crucial to employee satisfaction, which is also important for employee efficiency.

"When an organization perpetuates good communication, it demonstrates an investment in the workforce, enhances self-motivation, and allows employees to feel a part of the company's success," Gould said, quoting Debbie Kukla. "When the vision, goals, and expectations are known to the workforce, the message is clear: they are part of something bigger, their hard work pays off, and they are valued and respected. In short, they count."

Gould said that employees are people too, and that they want to feel that they are a part of a company's success.

She defined the importance of effective workplace communication as something that must be addressed in order to feel valued and boost morale.

"This has everything to do with people understanding and feeling valued and participating in the things that go on in their work, so they feel part of it, so people want to have their input, they want to have feedback, and they don't have the option to do that," said Goulde.

"I think it causes some morale problems on the job, like if you didn't have any sort of communication with your boss and the things that are going around in the company.You would really be lost, and you wouldn't know what you would really be working on, you wouldn't understand what the goals of the company are, and what your job is specifically, so just making sure that you understand that, so you can participate and be a valued employee," she said.

According to Gould, "everyone can probably use a few tips and information on [effective workplace communication], so I am excited to present to the members here at SHRM."

Society for Human Resource Management Pacific-West Branch Field Services director Dianna Gould, right, and SHRM NMI Chapter treasurer and board member Nhing Reyes during the Oct. 5 meeting of SHRM.
ERWIN ENCINARES

# Space Foundation bringing an astronaut to Guam base

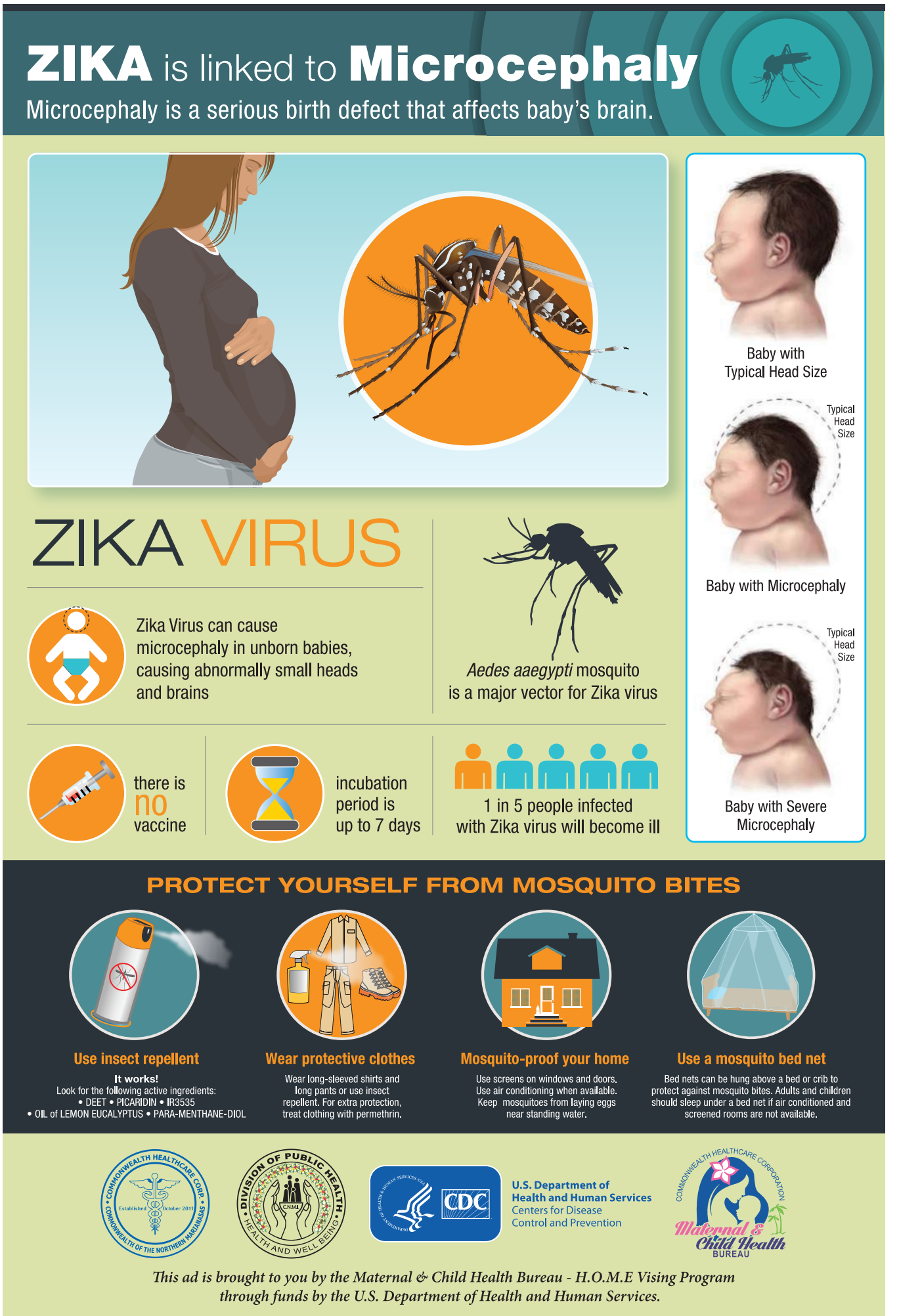
**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo**—The Space Foundation is bringing its Space in the Community STEM education program to Andersen Air Force Base and Naval Base Guam from Oct. 11 to 17 to inspire students there to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

The activities during this Space in the Community week will include Audience with an Astronaut presentations for schoolchildren and the public, and a teacher professional development workshop.

Former NASA astronaut Col. Paul S. Lockhart, USAF (ret.), will share his experiences in space with students at the following schools: Andersen Elementary School, Andersen Middle School, CDR William C. McCool Elementary/Middle School, and Guam High School.

The program will also include a community event on Friday evening, Oct. 14. The public is invited to the Top o' the Mar, from 6pm to 9pm, for a presentation by Lockhart on his adventures as a NASA astronaut.

The Space Foundation education team will lead a teacher professional development workshop at Andersen Elementary School on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 9am to 4pm. The workshop is open to all Guam educators, and will help them incorporate STEM lessons and activities into their classrooms and across the curriculum. They will learn activities to get students excited about STEM by launching straw rockets, learning Kinesthetic Astronomy and using apps, such as iMovie. Teachers should register for the workshop in advance by contacting Lisa Bell at lbell@spacefoundation.org. ***(PR)***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### Veterans History Project workshop on Saipan this Saturday

Learn how to collect and contribute the stories of Marianas veterans to the Library of Congress this Saturday, Oct. 8, at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center on Saipan. This will be the third and final session in a series of workshops held throughout the Marianas this week with oral historian Dr. Luisa Del Guidice of the American Folklore Society. The workshop is free and open to the public. Register online at https://vhp-community-workshops-marianas.eventbrite.com or contact the Office of Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) at 323-2647 or Kilili@mail.house.gov. ***(PR)***

### Half-staff on Friday to honor fire personnel

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has called upon all organizations to lower the U.S. and CNMI flags to half-staff on Friday, Oct. 7, 2016 in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of fire and emergency services personnel. ***(PR)***

### Military training at Farallon de Medinilla

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. military will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Oct. 7-9 from midnight to 11:55pm

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear of the areas during the dates and times indicated. ***(JRM)***

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Fourteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Federal Programs Office Conference Room, Building 1203, Capitol Hill, Saipan.**

### AGENDA[1]

**I. Preliminary**
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
   a. August 25, 2016 Special Board Meeting

**II. Public Comments[2]**

**III. Reports**
1. Chair
2. Board Committees
   a. FPA
   b. SARC
3. Commissioner of Education
   a. Financial Status Reports
      i. Federal
      ii. Local
   b. Head Start Program
   c. Others

**IV. Unfinished Business**

**V. New Business**
1. FY2017 Budget – Salary Increase Proposal
2. Amendment to Instructional Technology Program Coordinator Position
3. Head Start Program
   a. Supplemental Duration Grant Amendment
   b. Davis Bacon-Act Compliance, Policy and Procedures
   c. Administrative Cost Limitation Policy
4. Certification and Licensure Recommendations
   a. CLO Report No. 2016-011

**VI. Executive Session[3]**
1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel/Certification
3. Other matters

**VII. Administrative Matters**
1. Adoption of Board Action Minutes for October 12, 2016

**VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting**

**IX. Adjournment**

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[1] In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.
[2] Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[3] Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

The October forensic winners of the Northern Marianas International School have their picture taken with their teachers and school officials.

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# NMIS lauds Oct. forensic winners

Congratulations to all October forensic winners of the Northern Marianas International School! With great pride, dedication and hard work, these students have achieved what was expected, placing high ranks in the October Primary Grade Forensic Competition. We would like to thank all the parents, volunteer judges, teachers, and coaches for their continuous support and all the help they have given to the students. This event was held last Oct. 1, 2016, at San Antonio Middle School. Below is the list of all the award winners.

### DIVISION: K-2

**Reader's Forum C**
1st Place - Sin, Heather Elizabeth
3rd Place - Asuncion, Alexandria
5th Place - Tenorio, Christian Joseph

**Reader's Forum MA**
4th Place - Pineda, Jener Franz
5th Place - Claveria, Margarette Mae Ann

**Dramatic Interpretation A**
5th Place - Safer, Brenda

**Reader's Forum MB**
2nd Place - Sobremisana, Mary Razielle
3rd Place - Vuelta, Rein Laurel
5th Place - Quimsing, Althea Loryn

**Impromptu Speaking A**
2nd Place - Pineda, Jener Franz
4th Place - Teregeyo, Naida Paige
5th Place - Safer, Brenda

Impromptu Speaking C
2nd Place - Tang, Eamon

### DIVISION: GRADES 3 - 5

**Impromptu A**
1st Place - Pineda, Jay Francis Dominic
4th Place - Van Der Maas, Vladimir

**Dramatic Interpretation A**
2nd Place - Arreza, Anieskha

Reader's Forum MA
4th Place - Lugtu, Patricia

**DUO - A**
5th Place - Claveria, Euanne Kyra
5th Place - Vergara, Juliana

**Choral Speaking B**
3rd Place - Claveria, Euanne Kyra
3rd Place - Pineda, Jay Francis Dominic
3rd Place - Tang, Simon
3rd Place - Sobremisana, Luke Raphael
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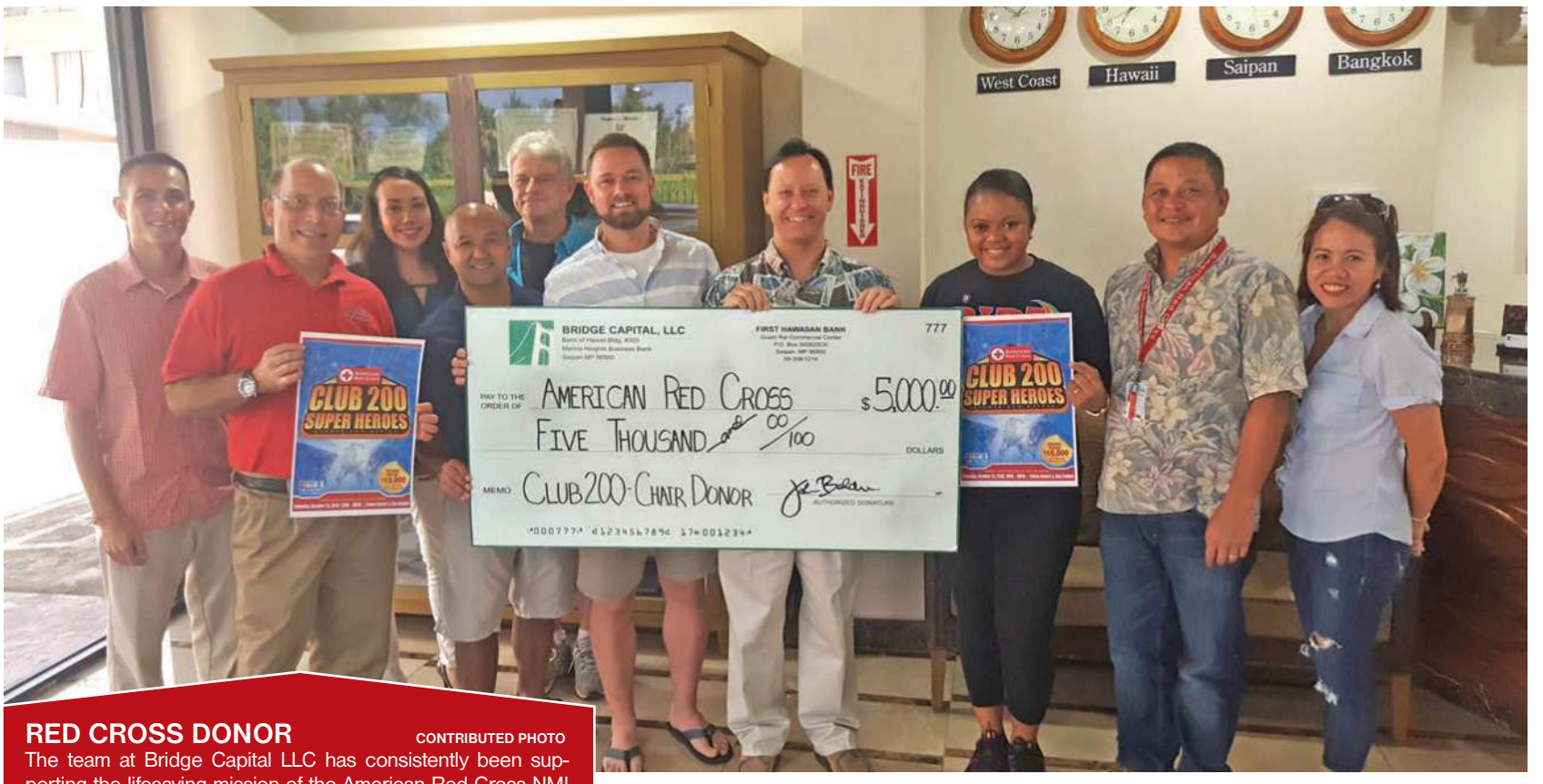


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The team at Bridge Capital LLC has consistently been supporting the lifesaving mission of the American Red Cross NMI Chapter. "For more than 10 year Bridge Capital has provided financial assistance that has empowered the Red Cross in the CNMI to fulfill its humanitarian mission," said John Hirsh, executive director of the Red Cross. "We are proud of our partnership with John Baldwin and Shawn Scott and are grateful to everyone at Bridge Capital for their generous support." In picture are Red Cross staff and volunteers along with Business Development Manager Joe Guerrero, VP/COO Jody Jordahl, president Shawn Scot, and executive assistant Irene Hull.

# Pesticide applicator certification on Rota

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality will conduct a tutorial for "commercial agricultural" pesticide applicators and certification examination on Oct. 12 and 13, 2016, at 8:30am at the Northern Marianas College – Rota campus.

Individuals wanting to become certified pesticide applicators must pass a written examination. Each exam is a written, closed-book examination consisting of 60 multiple-choice questions. Each candidate has up to two hours to complete the exam. The minimum passing score is 70 percent.

Examination includes but is not limited to labeling; safety factors; environmental consequences; pest identification and characteristics; pesticide types, formulations and dilutions; equipment maintenance and calibration; proper storage, use, and disposal of pesticides and containers; pesticide application techniques; pesticide laws and regulations; record-keeping; worker protection standards; and other relevant information as deemed necessary, including but not limited to new developments and other pertinent matters.

Pesticide safety education classes will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the NMC-Rota campus. This tutorial will help the applicator prepare for the exam. The exam shall be on Thursday, Oct. 13, also at the NMC, room A-1.

Who should register for the exam? Any person who uses insect or pest control products on plants, vegetables, fruits, or flowers; applies a weed-and-feed product to a client's lawn or spray for insects; uses insect or pest control products for the maintenance of resort grounds, golf courses, or greenhouses; applies pesticides to someone else' property; applies, purchases or distributes restricted use pesticides; or applies pesticides in residences, schools, or public places must obtain certification to apply pesticides.

To register, contact Cheryl Reyes at the Office of the Mayor of Rota, at 532-9451/2.

There is no fee for the tutorial; however, there is a non-refundable fee of $50 for the processing of the commercial certifications.

Pesticide applicator certifications instills buyer confidence and serves as of pesticide safety competency—how to use pesticides safely—as well as proves compliance with pesticide regulations.

For Saipan residents, exams are held on the second Monday of each month. For more information about the certification and exam requirements, contact Shirley Ann L. Taitano at 664-8500/11 or send an email to shirleytaitano@becq.gov.mp. ***(BECQ)***

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## EDITORIAL

# Populism arises from failures of political class

Whatever the outcome of November's presidential election, one particular note should be apparent to political leaders going forward: Populism is alive and strong in American politics.

But it's not unique to the United States this year; populism is trending globally.

There is an evident global frustration with those in the political class who are viewed to be out of touch with the average person. These folks are voting for what they believe will disrupt the political system and displace the establishment.

To that aim, 2016 has numerous examples: In the United Kingdom voters surprisingly voted to exit the European Union in June. In May, the Philippines elected Rodrigo Duterte, a brash politician known for making cringe-worthy statements that often rightly inspire global condemnation. In the country of Georgia, a famous opera singer and political outsider, Paata Burchuladze, is one of the frontrunners to be elected prime minster on Oct. 8.

And closer to home, Donald Trump's presidential campaign has been built on tapping into populist frustrations of Americans who feel as though they are unrepresented, disenfranchised, left behind and poorly served by the American government. It was a similar populist sentiment that carried the Bernie Sanders campaign. And now, even Hillary Clinton has recognized that some of the populist policies Sanders and Trump have floated are gaining traction and she has assumed similar positions, specifically talking about trade and the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

"The people are tired of the politicians because they are not telling the truth," Georgian contender Burchuladze told The Orange County Register in a recent phone conversation. "Voters are calling for alternative voices who want to challenge current political realities."

Burchuladze's remarks were specific to Georgia and his campaign, but they most certainly apply to much of the rest of the world.

Populism has gone global this year and is due in no small part to global economics—and the economic choices many politicians have instituted since the onset of the global recession. As was argued by Martin Wolf in the Financial Times: "Real income stagnation over a far longer period than any since the second world war is a fundamental political fact."

Wolf drew data from the McKinsey Global Institute's report, "Poorer than their Parents?" which detailed the number of households suffering from real incomes that are either stagnant or falling: "On average between 65 and 70 percent of households in 25 high-income economies experienced this between 2005 and 2014. In the period between 1993 and 2005, however, only 2 percent of households suffered stagnant or declining real incomes." This staggering data alone is enough to explain why voters are angry, scared and rightly frustrated with the political class.

It's easy for politicians and government leaders to dismiss these populist winds but that's a dangerous proposition. Voters are frustrated because government has become ineffective, political leaders are out of touch and unaccountable, and the fortunes of the elite seem to improve while the many stagnate or get worse.

Perhaps the greatest lesson of the 2016 election is that populism is bred when the political class fails to listen and act.

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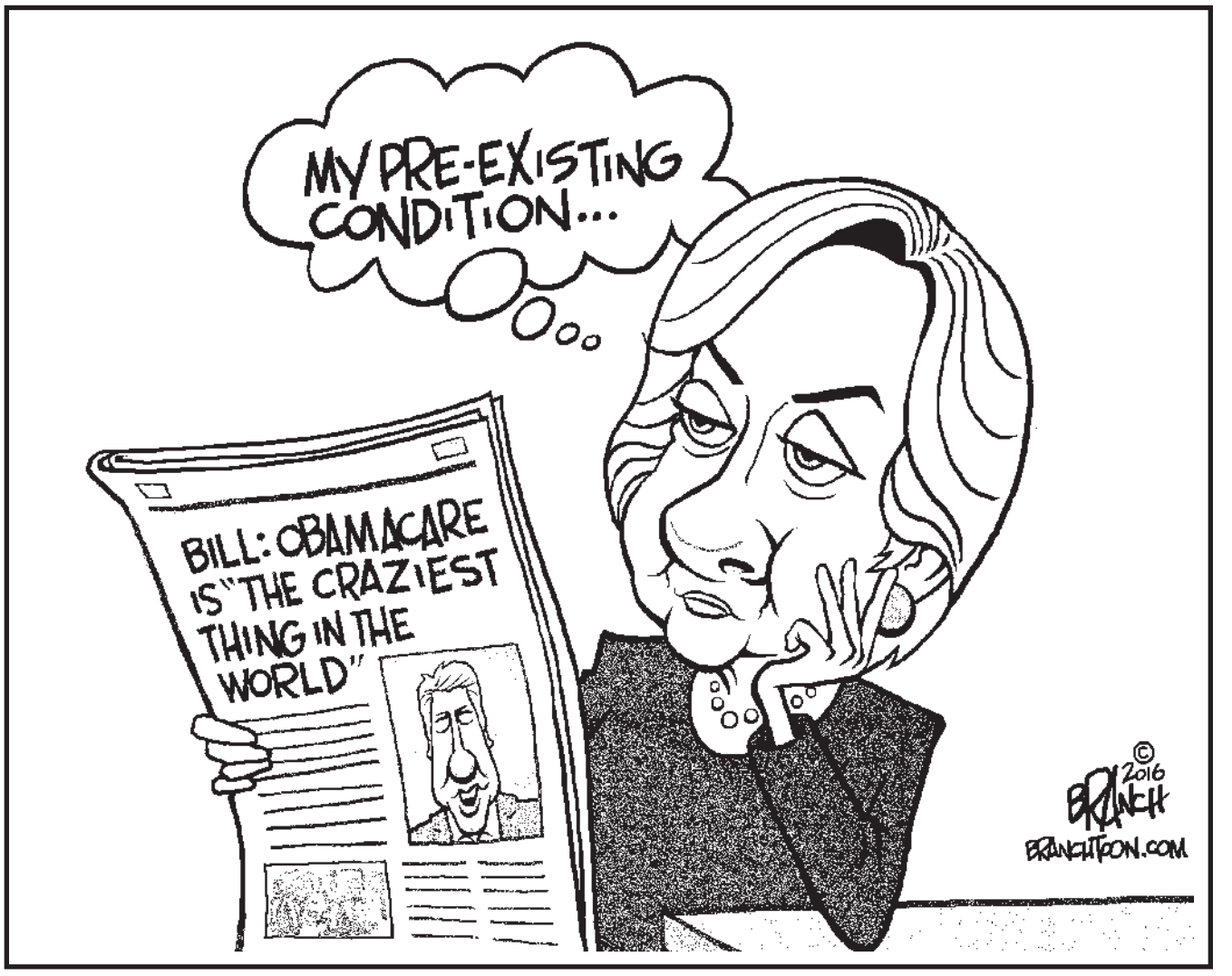


# Bill Clinton races to Trump's rescue

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Caught in the undertow of the reality TV loop that is campaign 2016, America's voters discovered this week we must now hold one more truth to be self-evident:

If Bill Clinton didn't exist, Donald Trump would have had to invent him.

We watched for days (see also: daze) the stunning spectacle of the Republican presidential nominee digging himself deeper into an apparently bottomless hole of contemptible conduct toward women—this time featuring his fixation for publicly scorning and bullying women he thinks weigh too much. He had begun his compulsive digging during the presidential debate, when Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton baited him by recalling his crude weight-gain insults of a former Miss Universe. Trump only wanted to know how Hillary found out about it. Then, for days, he kept repeating his insults. Maybe he felt it was better than his other big bad news: how Trump, who is the only major party candidate in the modern era not to make public his tax returns, apparently used legal loopholes to avoid paying any income taxes for years.

But on Monday, Trump was rescued from the unrelenting glare of the media spotlight. Most bizarrely, his rescuer was none other than his opponent's famous husband.

Bill Clinton rescued Trump from the spotlight by jumping into it himself. Then he uttered one of the most politically wacko sound bites you ever heard. At a rally in Flint, Mich., the city plagued by a toxic water crisis, Clinton seemed to trash President Barack Obama's proudest legacy trophy: the Affordable Care Act, which voters know better as Obamacare.

"So you've got this crazy system where all of a sudden 25 million more people have health care, and then the people who are out there busting it, sometimes 60 hours a week, wind up with their premiums doubled and their coverage cut in half," Bill Clinton said. "It's the craziest thing in the world."

No Republican in campaign 2016 ever sounded more convincing in attacking Obamacare, or in voting dozens of times to repeal it without ever trying to fix it.

Bill Clinton stuck it to Obamacare just a day before first lady Michelle Obama was at North Carolina State University, vigorously urging millennials to end their antipathy toward Hillary and elect her—because she is their only real hope for the future.

Here's where our tale gets downright psychoanalytical: Last Friday, President Obama flew to the funeral of Israel's legendary Shimon Peres—and brought Bill Clinton with him. But when Obama boarded Air Force One for the flight home, Bill Clinton kept Obama waiting onboard while he gabbed and glad-handed on the tarmac. "Bill! Let's Go!" an impatient Obama hollered down from the doorway of Air Force One, not once, not twice but three times. Finally, Clinton double-timed it up the stairs. If Obama had known what his guest would be saying in Flint on Monday, he might have ordered a quick wheels-up while Bill was still working the tarmac.

EPILOGUE: Bill Clinton's full Obamacare message is worth our serious consideration. He told the Flint folks Obamacare works well for seniors on Medicare and also the poor who get Medicaid and persons with lower incomes who receive ACA subsidies. But low-bracket earners whose incomes are just above subsidy limits and small-business owners are "getting killed in this (ACA) deal." Clinton suggested converting ACA into a plan allowing everyone to purchase Medicare or Medicaid insurance.

I just felt a twinge while writing that last sentence—because throughout the Obamacare battles, that's just what my best friend for half a century, Michael Bromberg, Washington's legendary health care lobbyist who died just weeks ago, always suggested to me was the one single-payer reform that could work—because it's the simplest. In the 1990s, Mike led the industry's battle that defeated the Clinton White House's health care reform, led by Hillary. He had met with Hillary and urged her to accept a reform that would be less than she wanted but a real reform nonetheless. She refused, insisting the White House would ram its plan through Congress—which never happened, of course.

Now, writing this column, I sure wish my best source—the smartest person I knew on this and also the wittiest—was around for one last chat. I mainly want to replay for Mike the exact words of Bill Clinton's proposal in Flint: "Here's the simplest thing. Figure out an affordable rate and let people use that. ... (L)et people buy into Medicare or Medicaid."

I would really like to see the look on Mike's face the moment he heard Bill Clinton say those familiar words. Just for laughs.

# New chapters, old books

**By ED STEPHENS JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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The dust has finally settled from the back-to-school routine. Among kith and kin there are several in the university pipeline. This includes one who just started college as a freshman, having made the trip from Saipan to the mainland. That's quite a new chapter.

When it comes to getting into the college frame of mind, there's a riff from an old business book that strikes me as useful. The book has a provocative title, *Winning Through Intimidation*, but it's more about how not to be intimidated in the business world. Although the book was a hit in the mid- to late-70s, I didn't read it until the late 80s.

Anyway, early in the book, author Robert Ringer mentions a chemistry course he took in college. Although Ringer felt uncertain about the new class, and was also clueless about the routines in the lab sessions, there was a seemingly knowledgeable student who was constantly spouting wisdom about how it all worked.

Ringer was, at first, grateful to be within earshot of someone who seemed to know so much about everything.

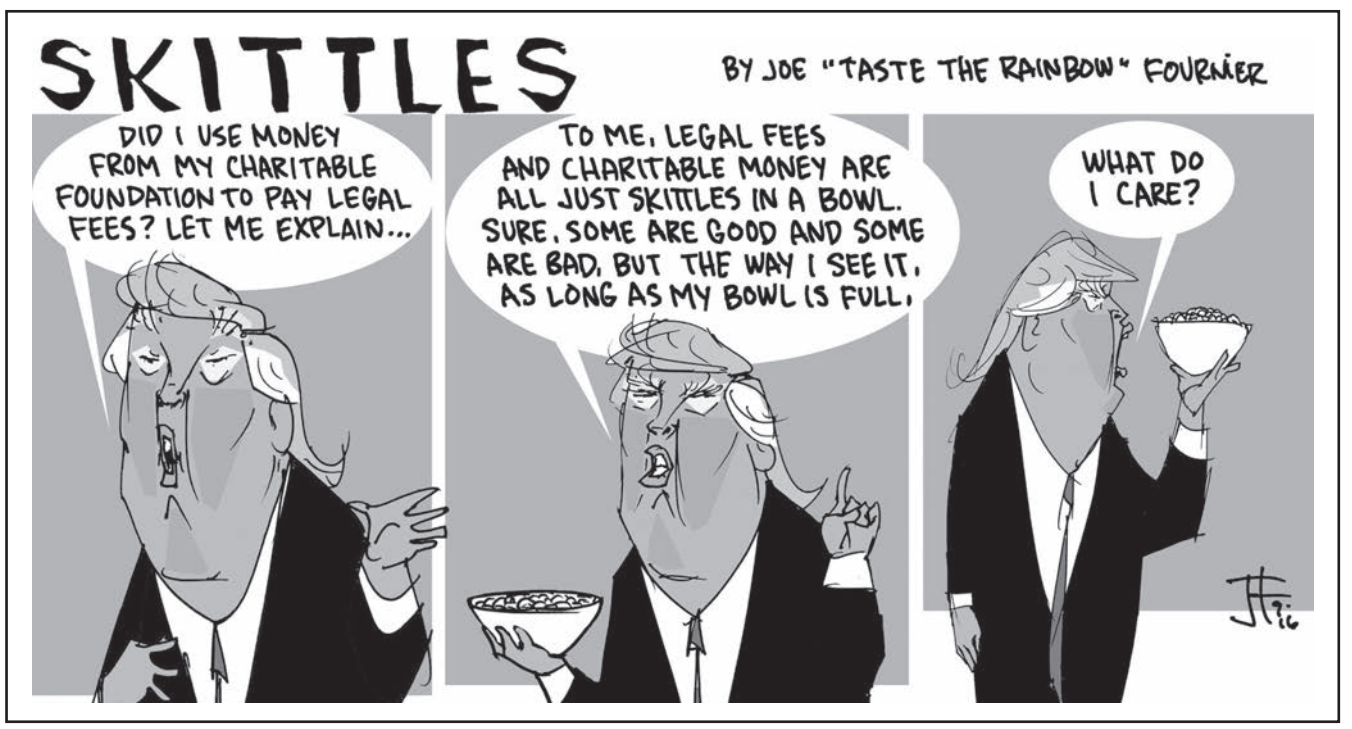
After the first test was administered, however, it turns out that the know-it-all didn't know so much after all. He scored pretty much in the dead middle of the pack and far behind Ringer, as Ringer plodded along inconspicuously on his way to an "A."

Ringer categorized the know-it-all as a "Court Holder," someone who liked soaking up attention from any eager listeners nearby.

That's probably a good lesson to heed for the college-bound. It's certainly a simple one.

There are other lessons, by contrast, that sound simple, but are a bit more complex at decision time. One of my favorite books is *Fooled By Randomness: The Hidden Role of Chance in Life and in the Markets*, by Nassim Nicholas Taleb. I've mentioned the book, and the author, in this space before. As you can gather by the title, Taleb demonstrates how randomness plays a large, if not readily visible, role in our lives.

The book is solid, but my pals and I occasionally take things out of context just to be wise guys to each other. For example, sometimes we ruminate over the riddle of whether, when we were younger, we would have approached everything with such all-encompassing focus and energy if we had realized that our futures would be largely steered by random forces. That's pretty much dark humor for when someone has had a bad week. But it is the case, nonetheless, that some of the most diligent students we knew didn't get much for their efforts down the road not because they messed up somehow, but because of plain bad luck.


SKITTLES
BY JOE "TASTE THE RAINBOW" FOURNIER
DID I USE MONEY FROM MY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION TO PAY LEGAL FEES? LET ME EXPLAIN...
TO ME, LEGAL FEES AND CHARITABLE MONEY ARE ALL JUST SKITTLES IN A BOWL. SURE, SOME ARE GOOD AND SOME ARE BAD, BUT THE WAY I SEE IT, AS LONG AS MY BOWL IS FULL,
WHAT DO I CARE?

That's worth thinking about, but I don't think I'd want to jinx any students in the family by telling them just how precarious a career can be. Maybe it takes a degree of overconfidence early on to give someone the competitive edge they'll need to best face the world, including its randomness, down the road. Note I said "maybe," since I don't claim to have any magic answers here.

Overall, looking back at college days and the years immediately following, it's tempting to say, or at least to think, "If only I knew back then what I know now, I'd really be a superstar," but I'm not convinced that hindsight is always clear. Sure, some decisions are clear stinkers in retrospect, but, in many other cases we're probably oblivious to the many consequences that a "better" decision would have spawned.

Well, so much for back to school and a couple of favorite old books. On the book note, I'll mention that Nassim Nicholas Taleb's four mass-market books, in a collection called the "Incerto" series, are coming out in a boxed set of paperbacks on Nov. 15. A marketing blurb describes this as "an investigation of luck, uncertainty, probability, opacity, human error, risk, disorder, and decision-making in a world we don't understand."

While I'm eyeing Nov. 15 on my calendar, I might as well skip 50 weeks ahead and scribble a note, too. After all, that's when it will be back-to-school time all over again.

# Gone: Economic diversification

**By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.**
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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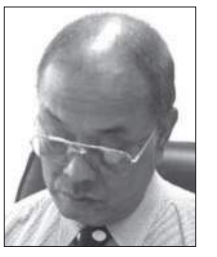

About 12 years ago, the CNMI slowly eased out institutional investments while embracing the casino industry as its economic holy grail. Key Nippon investments slowly left. Gone! The ones from SK are on their final leg to full closure. It's a very troubling issue saddled with uncertainty on every front.

Strange how easily we ignore our friends from the Land of the Rising Sun. We instantly ignored their pioneering efforts and investments in tourism here.

Recalled in the late 60s visitors from Tokyo who kissed the ground sobbing here for returning home once more. They were Japanese friends who were born in the islands before the war. They boarded buses at the old airport and headed to hotels in Garapan and Navy Hill. It was the beginning of the tourism industry here!

Most vivid in mind was the revival of local music and dances performed by elderly folks in hotel dinner shows. It was local arts at its best I saw in Lali Fo` a long time ago. At least there was an opening to reviving the fast eroding traditional music and dances.

While tourism was in its embryonic stage, we moved along with new jobs plus farming and fishing in spare time. It was on to a modern CNMI! Personally, I was taken aback by its implications heading into the future.

My focus was on Japanese expertise in farming and fishing through combined partnership with its universities and private industries. I still have this view to this day. Perhaps it lingers in mind because farming and fishing were the traditions of these isles since time begun. It offers lasting economic diversification.

In the process, we've also refined the concept of "pluralistic ignorance." For instance, we ask questions about casino and you get two answers. On a personal basis it's good (talking to an employee of the industry) but a bad economic choice when measured against the tradition and heritage of the islands.

Here in the CNMI it isn't surprising the mouthwash all over the islands how the elected and appointed officials are in the deep pockets of a wealthy investor. Its tentacles have found its way into the inner sanctum of our public offices. What it wants it gets from the CNMI including exemptions from regulatory agencies. Others must go through the process. If you have any doubts ask Sen. Arnold Palacios who did it for Best Sunshine. Sing it, Arnie!

## NMC presidency

One would expect fully reasoned decisions hailing especially from astute members of our institution of higher learning, NMC. I am alluding to the questionable selection of the college president. Suffice it to say, the appalling adolescency in the decision by the Board of Regents was at best humiliating and fodder for coffee shop comedy all over.

Six years ago there was the termination of the college president, nullified instantly this year with the hiring of the same person. You begin quizzing the infinitesimal wisdom of the board taking a full about face. It brings into question the credibility of the institution. Whatever happened to intellectual and polished maturity as policymakers of our institution of higher learning?

The decision is gift-wrapped with the cloak of suspicion flagging lack of integrity. So whose interest do you have in mind: student needs and the credibility and stability of the institution or your ill-fated decision standing before a mirror declaring, "About face!" The decision is rife with policy instability!

A recent news story said that only two members (Rabauliman and Evangelista) recused themselves from voting on the hiring of Ms. Carmen Fernandez. An investigative piece is merited in this instance for obvious reasons: how is it that two board members who were directly implicated in the civil lawsuit against Fernandez not see that there's a conflict of interest here? Isn't this a form of complicity?

It is concerning in that one of the regents, during her interview with the Attorney General's Office, admitted to being asked to change student grades by Fernandez during her stint at the college. The other regent had an incident in which her daughter-in-law was involved in a theft incident covered up by the Fernandez administration.

The formula is simple basic math where you could draw your own conclusion: If four members (Evangelista, Rabauliman, and the two unidentified) were to recuse themselves, is there enough members present to legally validate the decision? This means that there would only be two regents left to decide. Didn't we learn in civics courses that we live in a country where the majority rules? Hmmm! Seems the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing!

NMC may have a non-disclosure clause in the settlement agreement against the college, but such a clause is not inclusive of witnesses that don't work for the college such as the AGO nor does it prevent members of the community from exercising their rights to cite the "Open Government Act." If a taxpayer lawsuit were filed, would that prevent such individuals from being called to the witness stand?

One can imagine that this would only bring back that horrific nightmare related to maintaining the accreditation of the college. Is WASC barred from reviewing the contents of the Fernandez lawsuit interviews? If I were the accrediting body, I'd view this as a concern and exercise due diligence to intervene without exposing the contents publicly as such would be surely embarrassing.

Disgusting the inability of individuals disclosing their conflict of interest. Is there a bigger plan here? Has our educational system been bought? Some say, "This is related to the Saipan Casino Act." Some say that everything that has been happening at As Terlaje is geared toward ensuring the life of the "Project."

As a longtime manager in both the public and private sectors, I can see this as opening up a "box of Pandoras." Sometimes the best course of action is to walk away. Unbelievable the juvenile decision from people in charge of our institution of higher learning!

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

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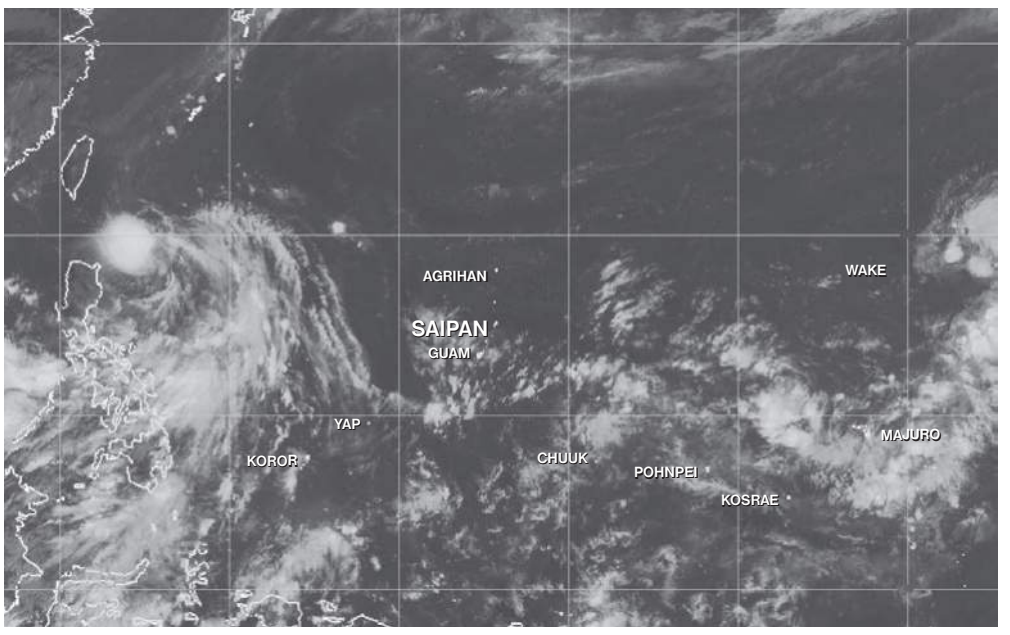


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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Radar shows scattered showers and an occasional isolated brief thunderstorm over Guam waters, gradually working south. Otherwise, just isolated showers are seen from Rota north. Satellite, however, is indicating more showers and isolated thunderstorms east and northeast of Saipan waters, associated with an upper-level trough. The Ritidian and Ipan buoys are indicating seas around 5 feet, and moderate trades persist.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/*

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| Palau | Partly cloudy | 80 / 87 °F |
| Yap | Mostly cloudy | 79 / 89 °F |
| Chuuk | Partly sunny | 79 / 87 °F |
| Pohnpei | Morning clouds | 76 / 85 °F |
| Kosrae | Afternoon clouds | 83 / 86 °F |
| Majuro | Mostly cloudy | 80 / 85 °F |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | | ▼ ▲ |
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| Auckland | Mostly cloudy | 53 / 58 °F |
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| Hong Kong | Mostly cloudy | 79 / 89 °F |
| Honolulu | Mostly sunny | 73 / 81 °F |
| London | Afternoon clouds | 55 / 61 °F |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | 61 / 88 °F |
| Manila | Mostly cloudy | 79 / 88 °F |
| Melbourne | Partly cloudy | 53 / 71 °F |
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| New York | Sunny | 55 / 73 °F |
| Osaka | Partly cloudy | 60 / 79 °F |
| Paris | Partly cloudy | 48 / 62 °F |
| Pusan | Afternoon clouds | 65 / 71 °F |
| Rome | Numerous showers | 55 / 68 °F |
| Salem | Cloudy | 52 / 64 °F |
| San Francisco | Mostly sunny | 53 / 74 °F |
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| Tokyo | Partly cloudy | 64 / 72 °F |
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| UA6390 | 2:20pm | 3:10pm | 2, 3, 6 |
| UA6398 | 6:05pm | 6:55pm | Daily |
| UA6396 | 9:50pm | 10:40pm | Daily |

### SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

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| UA6391 | 1:30pm | 2:05pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

### ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

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### SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

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### SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

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### SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

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| UA6391/183 | 1:30pm | 8:50pm | 5 via Rota-GUM |
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| UA6391/193 | 1:30pm | 10:35pm | 5 via Rota-GUM-ROR |
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| UA6391/159 | 1:30pm | 9:55pm | 1, 5 via Rota-GUM |
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| UA6395 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA6391 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA6390 | 12:10pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 via Rota |
| UA6397 | 4:45pm | 5:35pm | Daily |
| UA6399 | 8:30pm | 9:20pm | Daily |

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| UA6390 | 12:10pm | 12:45pm | 2, 3, 6 |

### ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

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### NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

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| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |

### BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

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| OZ607 | 9:05pm | 1:55am+1 | 3, 6 |

### SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

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### BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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### GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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| HX076 | 5:30pm | 12:30am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UA116/6395 | 9:55pm | 8:05am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

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# Business

## Plane evacuated after Samsung smartphone starts smoking

**LOUISVILLE, Ky.** (AP)—An overheating, smoking Samsung smartphone forced the evacuation of a Southwest Airlines jet that was preparing to take off Wednesday from the Louisville airport.

The incident raised fresh trouble for Samsung, which saw its new Galaxy Note 7 device recalled last month because of overheating batteries.

Samsung, Southwest and federal aviation-safety officials declined to say what model of Samsung phone was involved, saying they were still investigating.

But an Indiana woman, Sarah Green, told The Courier-Journal of Louisville that it was her husband's Galaxy Note 7 that made popping noises and started to smoke after he powered it down while the plane sat at the gate.

Green told the newspaper that her husband, Brian, received the Galaxy Note 7 about two weeks ago as a replacement for his recalled phone. He called her from someone else's phone to tell her what happened.

Last month Samsung agreed to recall the Galaxy Note 7 after receiving 92 reports of batteries overheating in the U.S., including 26 reports of burns and 55 cases of property damage. The Federal Aviation Administration took the unusual step of warning passengers not to use or charge the devices while on board and not to stow them in checked luggage.

Flight attendants on many airlines added a warning about the Samsung device to their pre-flight safety demonstrations.

However, the FAA's advisory to airlines did not apply to replacement Galaxy Note 7s. Those phones have a green battery icon.

Samsung Electronics Co. said in a statement that it could not confirm that the latest incident involved a new Note 7. Samsung said it is working with authorities to recover the device and confirm the cause of overheating.

The FAA also declined to specify the model of the phone. Spokesman Ian Gregor said the FAA was still investigating the incident.

The Galaxy Note 7, which sells for $850 to $890, competes in the high-end smartphone business with Apple and its new iPhone 7. Samsung dominates the market for Android-powered phones but faces growing pressure—just Tuesday, Google unveiled its new Pixel phones at $650 and up.

Wednesday's mishap occurred while the Southwest plane with 75 passengers and crew members prepared to fly from Louisville to Baltimore. Fire Capt. Sal Melendez said the device overheated during the crew's safety demonstration.

Southwest Airlines Co. spokesman Brad Hawkins said a passenger reported smoke coming from a Samsung device and that everyone got off the plane through the main cabin door.

No one was injured in the evacuation, but the plane's carpet suffered minor damage where the phone was dropped, fire officials said.

## Travelers change plans ahead of Hurricane Matthew

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Travelers along the East Coast are preparing for delays and cancelations as Hurricane Matthew heads toward the U.S.

Some airlines have already canceled flights Thursday and Friday in parts of Florida and are weighing suspensions up through Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, depending on where the hurricane strikes. Cruise lines are shuffling ship itineraries and many frantic vacationers are looking at insurance policies to see if they are covered.

Here's a quick guide as to what you need to know.

### AIRLINES

Most airlines are letting fliers change to a later flight with no penalty. Policies vary by airline, but passengers heading to or from most airports in the Southeast can essentially move to any flight within the next week or so for free, although a difference in fare may apply in some cases.

If you can't move your flight, don't expect a refund—yet. For that to happen, the airline has to actually cancel your flight. That usually happens a day before departure with a big storm. However, given the unpredictable path of a hurricane, airlines might wait until an hour or two before a flight to cancel it.

Where to find travel alerts for the five largest U.S. airlines:

- American Airlines: http://www.aa.com/travelalerts
- Delta Air Lines: https://www.delta.com/content/www/en-US/traveling-with-us/advisories/hurricane-matthew.html
- JetBlue Airways: http://www.jetblue.com/JetBlueAlerts/WeatherUpdate.aspx?intcmp=global-travelalert
- Southwest Airlines: https://www.southwest.com/html/advisories/swa-travel-advisory-20168281475106509419.html
- United Airlines: https://www.united.com/CMS/en-US/travel/news/Pages/travel-notices.aspx

### HOTELS AND CAR RENTALS

The good news for most travelers is that the vast majority of hotel rooms can be canceled without penalty up to 24 hours in advance and car rentals typically don't have any cancellation penalties. The exceptions are pre-paid bookings but travelers may still be able to get their money back if the hotel or rental company can't provide the service. That's especially true if there has been an evacuation order. Several travel providers also will refund money out of goodwill during such storms.

### CRUISES

Cruise lines aren't canceling sailings but are re-routing many ships to avoid the storm. That might mean more days at sea or skipping certain destinations.

For instance, the Carnival Elation—which is currently in the middle of a five-day cruise—is skipping Half Moon Cay and Nassau in the Bahamas, adding in an extra day at sea and an extra day in Key West, Florida. The Carnival Conquest skipped a stop in the Dominican Republic for an extra day at sea.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

It's too late to buy travel insurance to protect you from this hurricane. But those who already have a policy may be covered.

The key is to have a policy with hurricane coverage in place before Hurricane Matthew was named, according to travel insurance comparison site Squaremouth.

Typically, policies require the hurricane to render your accommodations uninhabitable or cause your flight or cruise to be canceled or significantly delayed, according to Squaremouth. Some policies allow you to cancel if there is a hurricane warning in effect for your destination right before your trip, or if there is a mandatory evacuation at your destination.


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# Nation

# Nearly 2M urged to evacuate as Matthew edges toward US

**MELBOURNE BEACH, Fla.** (AP)—Hurricane Matthew marched toward Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas and nearly 2 million people along the coast were urged to evacuate their homes Wednesday, a mass exodus ahead of a major storm packing power the U.S. hasn't seen in more than a decade.

Matthew was a dangerous and life-threatening Category 3 storm with sustained winds of 120 mph (190 kph) as it passed through the Bahamas, and it was expected to be very near Florida's Atlantic coast by Thursday evening. At least 16 deaths in the Caribbean have been blamed on the storm, with heavy damage reported in Haiti.

The storm was forecast to scrape much of the Florida coast and any slight deviation could mean landfall or it heading farther out to sea. Either way, it was going to be close enough to wreak havoc along the lower part of the East Coast, and many people weren't taking any chances.

In Melbourne Beach, near the Kennedy Space Center, Carlos and April Medina moved their paddle board and kayak inside the garage and took pictures off the walls of their home about 500 feet from the coast. They moved the pool furniture inside, turned off the water, disconnected all electrical appliances and emptied their refrigerator.

AP

Motorists drive past a hurricane warning sign, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, in Hallandale Beach, Fla.

They then hopped in a truck filled with legal documents, jewelry and a decorative carved shell that had once belonged to April Medina's great-grandfather and headed west to Orlando, where they planned to ride out the storm with their daughter's family.

"The way we see it, if it maintains its current path, we get tropical storm-strength winds. If it makes a little shift to the left, it could be a Category 2 or 3 and I don't want to be anywhere near it," Carlos Medina said. "We are just being a little safe, a little bit more cautious."

About 20 miles away in the town of Cape Canaveral, John Long said Hurricane Matthew is just hype as his neighbors in his RV park packed up and evacuated inland. Even though his 32-foot RV is just feet from the Banana River and a half mile from the beach, he had no plans to leave.

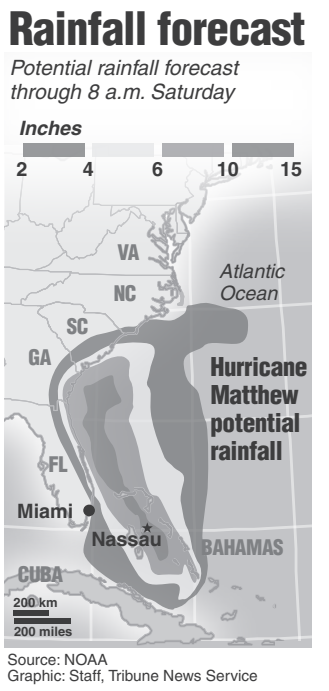
Long, who owns a bike shop and has lived along the Space Coast for 30 years, said he has a generator and enough food and water for himself and his cats to last a week.

"There's always tremendous buildup and then it's no stronger than an afternoon thunderstorm," he said. "I'm not anticipating that much damage."

In Fort Lauderdale, about 200 miles south, six employees at a seven-bedroom Mediterranean-style mansion packed up for an evacuation fearing any storm surge could flood the property. The homeowners planned to move to another home they own in Palm Beach that's further from the water. Two Lamborghinis and a Ferrari had been placed inside the garage, but employee Mae White wasn't sure what they would do with a Rolls Royce, Mustang and other cars still parked in the driveway.

"This storm surge. It's scary," White said. "You're on the water, you've got to go."

The last Category 3 storm or higher to hit the United States was Wilma in October 2005. It made landfall with 120 mph (190 kph) winds in southwest Florida, killing five people as it pushed through the Everglades and into the Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach area. It caused an estimated $21 billion in damage and left thousands of residents without power for more than a week. It concluded a two-year span when a record eight hurricanes hit the state.

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Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

As of 11 p.m. EDT Wednesday, Matthew was centered about 325 miles (525 kilometers) southeast of West Palm Beach and moving northwest, according to the National Hurricane Center . Hurricane-force winds extended 45 miles (72 kilometers) from the center.

"When a hurricane is forecast to take a track roughly parallel to a coastline, as Matthew is forecast to do from Florida through South Carolina, it becomes very difficult to specify impacts at any one location," said National Hurricane Center forecaster Lixion Avila.

Florida can expect as much as 10 inches of rain in some isolated areas.

In South Carolina, Gov. Nikki Haley reversed the lanes of Interstate 26 so that all lanes of traffic were headed west and out of Charleston. It was the first time the lanes had been reversed. Plans to reverse the lanes were put in place after hours-long traffic jams during Hurricane Floyd in 1999.

The governor planned to call for more evacuations on Thursday, which would bring the total to about 500,000 people in the state. Florida urged or ordered about 1.5 million to leave the coast, said Jackie Schutz, spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Scott. Georgia had around 50,000 people told to go.

At Folly Beach, South Carolina, southwest of Charleston, Gaby Trompeter loaded her car at her beachfront home preparing to evacuate to Augusta, Georgia.

Trompeter, a 50-year-old goldsmith who designs and makes jewelry, remembers Hurricane Hugo when she stayed in Savannah, Georgia, in 1989.

A year ago when what has been described as a 1,000-year flood inundated South Carolina there was so much water on the road near her house she couldn't get out for three days.

"If it brings a lot of rain, more than the storm last year, why would I want to stay?" she said.


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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA)** is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CAR RENTAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-001-13.**

One (1) original and four (4) copies of the sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, on or before **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the construction of a new car rental building roof repairs and miscellaneous improvements, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being funded by Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be **THREE HUNDRED (300) CALENDAR DAYS.** Liquidated damages shall be imposed in the amount of **SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS ($600.00)** per day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Saipan Airport Conference Room, Commonwealth Ports Authority Office, Saipan at 10:00 am, September 30, 2016, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All perspective bidders are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid opening.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **five percent (5%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular meeting on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten DanDan Building, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

### AGENDA*

I. **Preliminary Matters**
  A. Call to Order
  B. Roll Call
  C. Adoption of Agenda
  D. Adoption of Minutes
    1. August 18, 2016 Regular Board Meetings
    2. September 1, 2016 Special Board Meetings
  E. Correspondence
II. **Public Comments****
III. **Management Reports**
  A. Executive Director
    1. Update on SO1 and SO2 Projects
    2. Update on EPA Grant Projects
  B. Chief Financial Officer
  C. Legal Counsel
IV. **Executive Session*****
  1. Consultation with Legal Counsel on Personnel and Operations Matters
V. **Board Reports/Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business**
  1. Personnel Committee
  2. Operations Committee
VI. **Adjournment**

* Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Agenda may be modified during the meeting.
** Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.
*** Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board of Directors may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

# After testy VP debate, Trump rebuffs claim he 'loves' Putin

**HENDERSON, Nev.** (AP)—Donald Trump pushed back Wednesday on Hillary Clinton's accusation that he's cozying up to Russian President Vladimir Putin after the charge put Trump's running mate on the defensive during the vice presidential debate.

Trump offered effusive praise for Mike Pence's performance—but also claimed credit for it—even as both campaigns acknowledged that the sole vice presidential debate was unlikely to alter the race's trajectory.

The celebrity businessman said his relationship with Russia's leader would be determined by how Moscow responds to strong U.S. leadership under a Trump administration.

"They say Donald Trump loves Putin. I don't love, I don't hate. We'll see how it works," Trump told a rally outside Las Vegas.

Clinton on Wednesday shrugged that off, saying Trump has "this weird fascination with dictators."

"My opponent seems not to know the difference between an ally and adversary," Clinton said at an evening fund raiser in Washington. "There seems to be some misunderstanding about what it means to have a dictatorship and provide leadership."

The billionaire candidate sought to take away an argument that Clinton and her running mate, Tim Kaine, have ramped up in the final weeks of the campaign as they work to portray Trump as dangerous for American interests overseas. While U.S.-Russia relations nosedive over failed diplomacy in Syria, Trump has complimented Putin, calling him a strong leader and even encouraging him to track down Clinton's missing e-mails, though Trump later said he was being sarcastic.

"You guys love Russia," Kaine said in Tuesday's debate. "You both have said Vladimir Putin is a better leader than the president."

In a forceful rebuke, Pence described Putin as a "small and bullying leader," but blamed Clinton and President Barack Obama for a "weak and feckless" foreign policy that had awakened Moscow's aggression in Ukraine and meddling in the Middle East.

The U.S. and Russia back opposing sides in Syria's civil war but both are fighting the Islamic State group there. The U.S. cut off talks with Russia about Syria this week after the latest cease-fire collapsed, blaming Russia for failing to fulfill its commitments under the deal.

"I can say this: If we get along and Russia went out with us and knocked the hell out of ISIS, that's OK with me folks," Trump said, using an acronym for the extremist group.

Since last week's debate, Trump has faced a barrage of questions over a leaked tax return showing he lost more than $900 million in 1995. In turn, he's sought to reframe his life story as a comeback tale he hopes to recreate on behalf of a faltering nation.

"America needs a turnaround. American needs a comeback. America needs a change. And that's why I'm running," Trump said.

Taking the stage in Henderson, Nevada, Trump took his own victory lap for Pence's performance, which he called "phenomenal. Pence's cool demeanor contrasted with Trump's bluster during his own, top-of-the-ticket showdown against Clinton. However strong Pence's performance, Trump made clear he considers it a reflection of himself.

"I'm getting a lot of credit, because that's really my first so-called choice, that was my first hire," Trump said of Pence.

Even Clinton's team wasn't claiming that Kaine had come out on top. Former President Bill Clinton, for example, his wife's running mate "did just fine."

Kaine acknowledged that even his wife gave him a hard time for his constant interruptions during the debate. But Kaine said he was effectively able to block Pence from attacking Clinton. "I've never played hockey but I think I'd be a good goalie, based on last night," he said.

The big moment for their running mates behind them, both Clinton and Trump were shifting focus back to each other—and to Sunday's debate, the second of three showdowns between the nominees.

Clinton was deep in debate prep Wednesday at her Washington home. She was huddling with campaign chairman John Podesta, top policy aid Jake Sullivan and her debate advisers.

Trump, meanwhile, was on the campaign trail, making several stops across Nevada. In Reno, the New Yorker appeared to lecture Nevadans on how their state is correctly pronounced and then did an exaggerated version of his preferred pronunciation of "Neh-VAH-da," though most residents of the Silver State pronounce it, "Neh-VAD-uh." He then declared that "nobody says it the other way."

Campaign manager Kellyanne Conway said, despite Trump's travels, the candidate was preparing "constantly" for the debate. Trump planned his own town hall in New Hampshire on Thursday, in an apparent dress rehearsal for the big event.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### 3 dead in Oregon shooting; appears to be homicide-suicide

**BEAVERTON, Ore.** (AP)—Two young children and their 36-year-old father died Wednesday in an apparent homicide-suicide at an apartment complex near Portland, Oregon, authorities said. Beaverton police spokesman Mike Rowe told The Associated Press that officers responded to the apartment around 4:30 p.m. after a female relative called saying three people were possibly dead inside. When police officers entered the apartment, they initially thought, based on substantial gunshot wounds, that all three people were dead, Rowe said. As they backed out of the apartment to preserve evidence and the crime scene, however, Rowe said they heard rustling inside and then a single gunshot. A tactical negotiation team called to the scene then entered the unit and confirmed all three people inside were deceased. Rowe said the children killed were an 8-year-old girl and a 6-year-old boy. Police said they don't believe there was any risk to the public. "It was just a very tragic thing that happened here today," Rowe said. No other information was immediately available. Beaverton is about 8 miles west of Portland.

### Texas man who killed neighbor couple has been executed

**HUNTSVILLE, Texas** (AP)—An East Texas man who pleaded guilty to killing a neighbor couple during a shooting rampage 13 years ago and said he wanted to be put to death for the crime was executed Wednesday evening. Barney Fuller Jr., 58, had asked that all his appeals be dropped to expedite his death sentence. Fuller never made eye contact in the death chamber with witnesses, who included the two children of the slain couple. Asked by Warden James Jones if he had any final statement, Fuller responded: "I don't have anything to say. You can proceed on, Warden Jones." Fuller took a deep breath as Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials injected a lethal dose of pentobarbital into each arm, then blurted out: "Hey, you fixin' to put me to sleep." He took a couple of breaths, then began snoring. Within 30 seconds, all movement stopped. Fuller was pronounced dead 38 minutes later, at 7:01 p.m. CDT. The time between when the drug was injected and when he was pronounced dead was somewhat longer than normal.


**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**
Office of the Executive Director

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
**CUC-RFP-17-001**

**Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System at CUC Power Plant No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from qualified ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS (OEM's) from which CUC intends to select one proposer to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's power supply requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 18, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-001 – Removal of old Engine, Alternator (No. 8) and Turnkey Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 1 x 8 - 10 MW of Diesel Generating Plant System"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A *Proposal Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the proposals. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or proposal bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful Proposer. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proponent awarded a contract. Successful proponents will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page: https://marianaslabor.net/. The proponents shall be required to comply with all applicable CNMI and Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 20, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

**GARY P. CAMACHO**
Acting Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN**
Purchasing Officer



**Commonwealth Utilities Corporation**
Office of the Executive Director

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
**CUC-RFP-17-002**

**CONSULTANCY SERVICES, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SIX ENGINE SYSTEMS**

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced entities for the oversight and management of Supply and Installation of Six (6) Engine Systems, 8-10 MW/Each, at CUC Saipan Power Plant 1, Saipan, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The solicitation seeks responses from suitably qualified entities from which CUC intends to select one consultant to negotiate the final scope of work and enter into a contract agreement that best fit CUC's consultancy and construction management requirements.

The Scope of Work and Solicitation Package will be emailed upon request, by CUC Procurement & Supply Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on government observed holidays. Prospective proponents for this RFP must register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be conducted at Power Plant Administration Office in Lower Base, Saipan on **October 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Immediately after the conference, a Site Visit to Power Plant No. 1 facility will be conducted. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

**One (1) original and five (5) hard copies**, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFP-17-002 – Consultancy Services, Supply and Installation of Six Engine Systems"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **November 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

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Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 21, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

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# Asia

## Buddhist monks lead commemoration of 1976 Thai massacre

**BANGKOK** (AP)—Buddhist monks, mourners, activists and the merely curious gathered Thursday to mark the 40th anniversary of one of the darkest days in Thailand's history, when police killed scores of university students at a peaceful protest, and ghoulish vigilantes defiled the dead.

Students at Bangkok's Thammasat University had been protesting the return from exile of a hated former dictator when they were trapped by a right-wing mob and heavily armed paramilitary police, who fired guns and grenades at the defenseless crowd of several thousand.

After subduing the students, thugs rushed in and grabbed as many as a dozen. They were then taken to a nearby public field, beaten to death, hanged and otherwise abused, with the bodies unceremoniously tossed onto a makeshift funeral pyre. The official death toll was 46, though credible independent estimates put it at more than 100.

The disorder was used as an excuse for the army to seize power later that day, undoing a student-led democratic revolution of three years earlier.

AP

Thai activists lean over the Oct. 6 Memorial to offer lighted candles at Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand, Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016.

This year's commemoration has drawn broader interest than usual because an invited speaker, Hong Kong democracy activist Joshua Wong, was not allowed into the country by Thai authorities, making headlines worldwide. Wong was supposed to speak at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University, which this year for the first time was joining Thammasat in marking the anniversary.

The rector of Thammasat, Somkit Lertpaithoon, said the university teaches its students about the violence, and even has survivors on its staff.

"Even though the events of Oct. 6 may not be documented in Thai history, the new generation still strives to learn about it," he said in a speech at the university to mark the day.

The Thammasat massacre has always been a sensitive issue, both because the images of lynchings speak to a dark side of the Thai character and because the assault on the university showed how the state can carry out human rights abuse with impunity—no perpetrators were ever punished.

The latest anniversary comes as Thailand is again under military rule since a 2014 coup d'etat, and as an increasing awareness of human rights since 1976 has led to much questioning of the use of state violence, especially because of a sometimes violent struggle for political power that has troubled Thailand for the past decade, including bloody street battles in the capital Bangkok in 2010.

"The massacre is still of interest 40 years after the fact because it remains officially unresolved. Those who were involved in the violence have not been held to account, even as there has been a wave of transitional justice processes around the world, and even expanded questioning and investigations in relation to the violence of April-May 2010," Tyrell Haberkorn, a fellow in political and social change at the Australian National University, said earlier this week before the anniversary.

"The incident has relevance to the current state of Thai politics because it becomes possible to continue to stage coup after coup while repressing dissent because those who have done so in the past have not been held to account for doing so," she said.

Patporn Phoothong, a member of a research team probing the events of 1976, said one goal is to identify the people in a famous photo showing a man using a folding chair to beat a disfigured corpse hanging from a tree while a crowd watches. No one has learned the names of the victim, the attacker or any of the spectators

"The obstacle that we face, I think it is because even though 40 years have passed, people are still scared and afraid to talk and do not feel that talking will make anything better," she said.

## Aussies appear in Malaysian court for partying in briefs

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** (AP)—Nine Australians who stripped down to skimpy briefs and drank beer from shoes at the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix appeared in a Malaysian court Thursday, where they are likely to be charged for public indecency.

The nine were detained Sunday after they partied in Budgy Smuggler-brand swimsuits decorated with the Malaysian flag in full view of thousands of spectators at the Sepang track after Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo won the race.

Police say the men were being investigated for intentionally causing insult with intent to provoke a breach of the peace and public indecency. They face up to two years in jail, a fine or both if they are found guilty.

The men, mostly Sydney University graduates, were dressed in suits when they appeared in court Thursday.

John Walker, the father of one of the men, Jack Walker, told reporters he was "hopeful" of their release. Jack Walker is an adviser to Australian Defense Industry Minister Chris Pyne.

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade First Assistant Secretary Jon Philp said he did not know what would happen in court today.

"Something could happen quickly, but it's entirely up to the magistrate and the legal authorities," Philp told Nine Network television.

"We'd like to think that they'll be home soon, but it's up to the Malaysian authorities to decide what to do now," he added.

The men could be charged or police could ask the magistrate for their detention to be extended while they continue their investigation.

Ricciardo, the driver whose success inspired the Australians' beer-fueled revelry, described the incident as "pretty harmless."

"I respect the laws of Malaysia, but beyond that I don't think they deserve any further punishment," Ricciardo told Sydney's The Daily Telegraph newspaper.

"In Australia, it's a bit different, but I'm very sure they didn't intend to offend anyone," he added.

The Australian media has dubbed the men the Budgie Nine, using a spelling variation of the abbreviated name of the budgerigar, a small Australian parrot. The name plays on nine Australians arrested in Indonesia for heroin trafficking in 2005 who became known as the Bali Nine.

## Poll shows majority in PH satisfied with Duterte

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—An independent poll released Thursday showed that more than three-quarters of Filipinos are satisfied with President Rodrigo Duterte, even though he is under fire internationally for his deadly crackdown on suspected drug dealers and users.

The survey, conducted by Social Weather Stations from Sept. 24 to Sept. 27 and published Thursday, shows 76 percent of 1,200 adults polled nationwide were satisfied with Duterte's performance, 11 percent were dissatisfied, and 13 percent were undecided. There was a national sampling error margin of plus or minus 3 percent.

The poll comes nearly three months after Duterte took office and with his anti-drug crackdown, which has left more than 3,600 suspected drug dealers and pushers dead, raising alarms at the United Nations, the EU, the U.S. and human rights watchdogs.

The brash-speaking leader has been hypersensitive to such criticism, and the latest survey was carried out just before he raised the rhetoric on Sept. 30, comparing his anti-drug campaign to Hitler and the Holocaust and saying he would be "happy to slaughter" an estimated 3 million Filipino addicts — a remark he has since apologized for.

He has unleashed a number of expletive-laced tirades against his critics, telling President Barack Obama "you can go to hell," and saying he may eventually decide to "break up with America." He has also lashed out at the European Union and the U.N.

The survey showed respondents in the southern Philippine region of Mindanao, where Duterte is from, gave him the highest rating, with 88 percent satisfied, and just 4 percent not satisfied.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Pakistan: trading fire with India after 'unprovoked' attack

**ISLAMABAD** (AP)—Pakistan's military has accused India of another "unprovoked" attack in the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir and says it is returning fire. In a statement, the military said Wednesday Pakistani and Indian troops continue to trade fire in various parts of Kashmir. It is unclear if either side has suffered casualties. The exchange of fire started shortly after Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif arrived in parliament to discuss a Sept. 28 attack that killed two Pakistani soldiers, which India described as a "surgical strike" against militants. Sharif told lawmakers that Islamabad will continue to extend political, diplomatic and moral support to the "freedom movement" in Indian-controlled Kashmir. He blamed India for the escalating tension between the nuclear-armed neighbors but said he wanted to resolve the Kashmir dispute through talks.

### Indonesian prosecutors seek 20-year term in cyanide murder

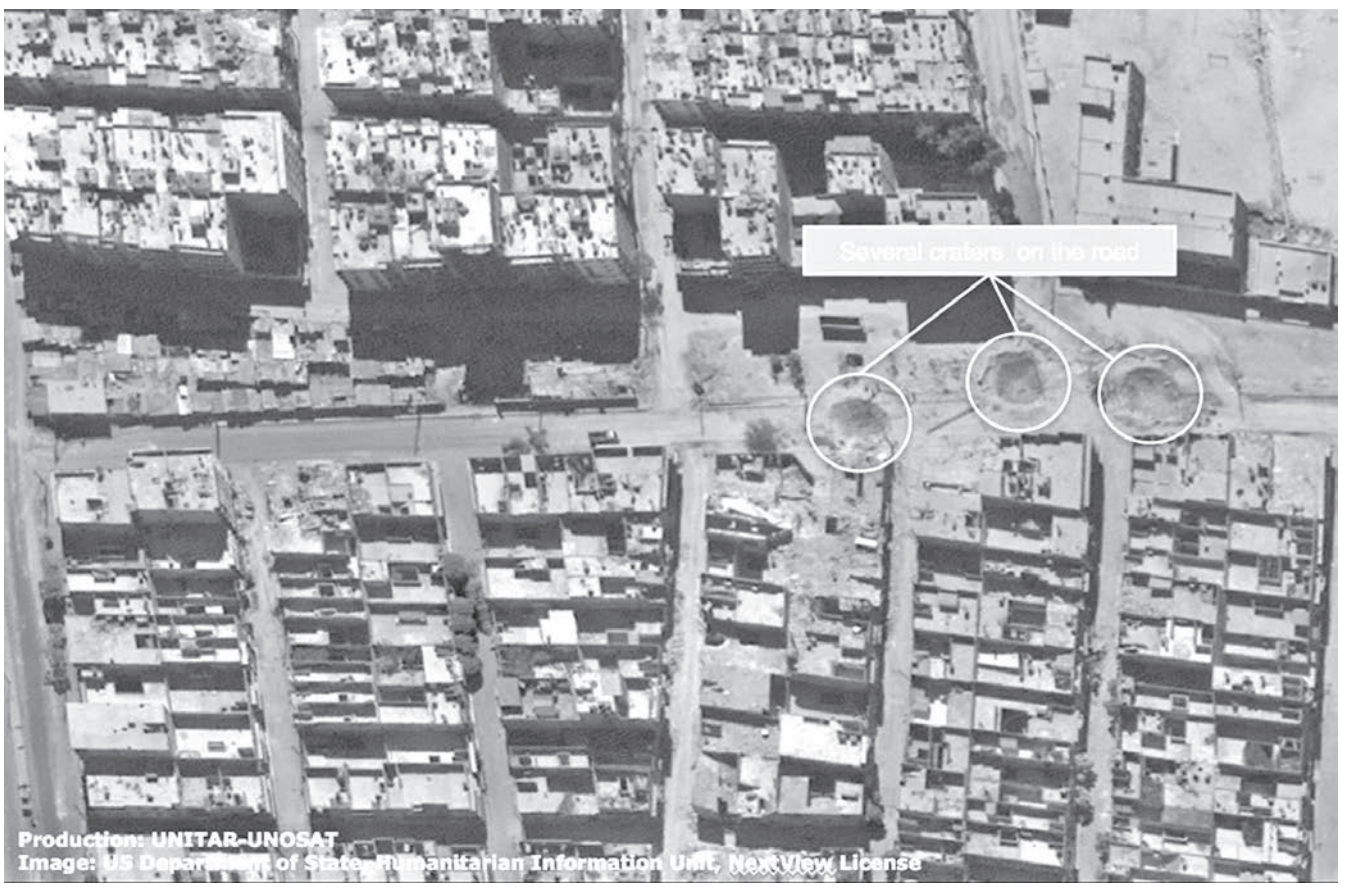
**JAKARTA, Indonesia** (AP)—Indonesian prosecutors recommended a 20-year jail term on Wednesday for an Indonesian woman charged with murdering a former classmate at an Australian school. Former Australian resident Jessica Kumala Wongso is accused of poisoning Wayan Mirna Salihin, a fellow student at Billy Blue College of Design in Sydney, who collapsed and died Jan. 6 after drinking coffee ordered by the defendant at a Jakarta cafe. Police say laboratory tests showed the drink contained cyanide. Wongso has denied any wrongdoing. Prosecutors told the court Wednesday that Wongso had committed premeditated murder but had not confessed or expressed remorse. They say Wongso committed the crime because of the victim's advice that she sever her relationship with her troublesome boyfriend. Wongso's lawyers have ridiculed the prosecution's contention that Salihin's advice led to the murder. They said the explanation "could not be accepted by common sense."

### East Timor journalists face trial after story on premier

**DILI, East Timor** (AP)—Two East Timorese journalists are going on trial in a criminal defamation case brought by the country's prime minister that has alarmed press freedom groups. Raimundos Oki and his former boss Lourenco Vicente Martins are charged with "slanderous denunciation" and face up to three years in prison if found guilty. The trial is set to begin Friday. Rights groups and press advocates have urged that the case be dropped. Oki and Martins published a story in the Timor Post last year about Prime Minister Rui Aria de Araujo's involvement in a state contract for information technology services when he was an adviser to East Timor's finance minister in 2014. The story, which said Araujo had recommended a particular company for the contract before bids opened, misidentified that company as the eventual winner of the contract.

# World

## Syria's military to reduce airstrikes for Aleppo evacuations


Several craters on the road
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This satellite images released by the United Nations, shows road damage and craters, in the Sha'ar district of Aleppo, Syria, Sept. 25, 2016.

**BEIRUT** (AP)—Syria's military command said it would scale back its bombardment of the contested city of Aleppo on Wednesday to allow civilians to evacuate besieged rebel-held neighborhoods.

The announcement, broadcast on state TV, followed 16 days of airstrikes and shelling that have killed over 300 civilians and damaged hospitals and water facilities. Satellite images released Wednesday by the U.N. show the scale of the destruction since a U.S.-Russia brokered cease-fire collapsed two weeks ago.

The government is accused by opponents and international observers of using violence to forcibly depopulate areas seen as disloyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad.

"The government has used scorched earth tactics against us, and then blesses us with an opportunity to leave? Of course this is refused," said Ammar Sakkar, the military spokesman of the Fastiqum rebel faction inside east Aleppo.

Doctors inside the city's besieged eastern neighborhoods said there were fewer attacks on Wednesday, after two weeks of airstrikes in which Russian and Syrian government jets targeted underground hospitals with bunker-busting bombs.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 316 civilians in eastern Aleppo have been killed in the past two weeks' violence. U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon has described conditions in eastern Aleppo, where 275,000 people are trapped under a government siege, as "worse than a slaughterhouse."

The government has insisted, however, that rebels inside east Aleppo have been preventing civilians from leaving via the safe corridors it demarcated in July with the Russian military. It says hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of displaced people have fled to areas of government control across the country.

Earlier this year, the Syrian government negotiated the complete evacuation of Daraya, once an opposition hub on the outskirts of Damascus, after four years of siege left residents with no food or medical care. The U.N. likened the arrangement to "forced displacement" and warned it could not be a precedent for other areas.

The U.N.'s satellite imagery program released images it said showed the most recent destruction to eastern parts of Aleppo.

"Since the cease-fire has broken down, you certainly see an awful lot of new damage," said Lars Bromley, a research adviser at UNOSAT.

The images, from DigitalGlobe and obtained by the U.N. agency through a licensing arrangement with the U.S. State Department, show mostly "formerly blasted and blown-up areas" during Syria's 5-1/2-year war "experiencing a great deal of additional damage," said Bromley.

"To a certain extent you're looking at rubble being pushed around," he told reporters.

At the White House, spokesman Josh Earnest called the images "deeply troubling." But he added that it "tragically is not particularly surprising."

## Iraq tribal leader: strike kills 19 pro-government fighters

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—A tribal leader said Wednesday that an airstrike killed 19 pro-government tribal Sunni fighters south of the town of Mosul, which is held by the Islamic State group.

Sheikh Nazhan al-Lihaibi said the airstrike took place at 2 a.m. Wednesday, following hours of clashes between his troops and IS militants in the Haj Ali area to the east of the town of Qayara. Al-Lihaibi said five more fighters were wounded.

The U.S.-led coalition said it had carried out strikes in the area at the request of Iraqi security forces, adding that it had destroyed a building and killed eight enemy fighters.

"We are aware of the reports that Sunni tribal fighters were in the building that was struck and we are taking those reports seriously," a spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition said. He said the Coalition and Iraqi security forces were carrying out a joint investigation into the incident.

Mahmoud Ali, an officer with al-Lahaibi's militia, said that U.S special forces troops arrived in the area warning them of a future airstrike and telling them to keep away. It was unclear if the tribal fighters acted on this advice. Ali said that the airstrike killed 20 fighters, some of whom were inside a house.

Al-Lihaibi said his fighters had repelled an attack by IS late Wednesday, and another two of his fighters had been killed in the clashes.

With aerial support from the U.S.-led coalition, Iraqi government forces and paramilitary troops retook the town of Qayara in August. The town, about 70 kilometers (45 miles) south of Mosul, is key for the long-awaited military operation to dislodge IS militants from Mosul.

Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city, is located about 360 kilometers (225 miles) northwest of Baghdad. While the Syrian city of Raqqa is considered the caliphate's de facto capital, Mosul is the largest city under its control. The Iraqi government is now gearing up for a major offensive to retake Mosul from IS. It pledged to recapture the city this year.

## UN peacekeepers fled, used tear gas on South Sudan civilians

**JUBA, South Sudan** (AP)—United Nations peacekeepers abandoned their posts when fighting erupted in South Sudan's capital in July and then used tear gas on frightened civilians who sought shelter at the center of the U.N. base, a new report says.

Wednesday's report by the U.S.-based Center for Civilians in Conflict adds to a growing list of incidents where U.N. peacekeepers have been accused of failing to carry out their mandate in South Sudan, where civil war erupted in December 2013.

More than 12,000 U.N. peacekeepers are in this East African country. More than 200,000 civilians are sheltering in U.N. camps in the capital and elsewhere.

The new report, based on interviews with 59 South Sudanese civilians and 21 officials with the U.N. mission, among others, says some peacekeepers refused orders to protect civilians during the July chaos in Juba. Hundreds of people died in the fighting between government and opposition forces.

Peacekeepers with the U.N. force in South Sudan, or UNMISS, largely remained confined to their base during and immediately after the violence, and struggled to patrol the capital for weeks afterward, the report says.

The Associated Press has reported that peacekeepers also refused to respond to pleas for help as government soldiers looted and raped aid workers at the nearby Terrain compound.

Separately, the new report found that Chinese peacekeepers at a U.N. camp "fled en masse" from their positions in response to heavy fighting nearby, leaving behind some weapons and ammunition.

With those peacekeepers gone, and with nowhere in that part of the U.N. camp to seek shelter from gunfire, about 5,000 civilians "fled over fences and barbed wire" into the heart of the camp where administrative offices are located, the report says. Overwhelmed peacekeepers then struggled to manage the crowd, and civilian witnesses said some looting occurred.

A response came the next day.

"According to seven independent witness accounts, on the morning of July 12, UNMISS fired tear gas on the civilians with little or no warning," the report says.

## Security Council agrees on Portugal's Guterres next UN chief

**UNITED NATIONS** (AP)—Portugal's former prime minister Antonio Guterres won the Security Council's unanimous backing Wednesday to become the next U.N. secretary-general, winning plaudits for his strong leadership but disappointing campaigners for a woman or East European to be the world's top diplomat for the first time.

The veteran politician and diplomat, who served as the U.N.'s refugee chief until December, topped all six informal polls in the council after his performance in the first-ever question-and-answer sessions in the 193-member General Assembly, which received high marks from almost every diplomat.

Britain's U.N. Ambassador Matthew Rycroft said the assembly hearings showed that Guterres "was an outstanding candidate ... who will take the United Nations to the next level in terms of leadership" and will provide "a moral authority at a time when the world is divided on issues, above all like Syria."

Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin, the current Security Council president, appeared before reporters surrounded by the 14 other council ambassadors after the sixth informal poll of the 10 remaining candidates was held behind closed doors saying: "You are witnessing, I think, a historic scene."

Churkin then thanked all the candidates saying they displayed "a lot of wisdom, understanding and concern for the fate of the world" and announced: "We have a clear favorite, and his name is Antonio Guterres."

He said the Security Council would hold a formal vote on Thursday morning and expressed hope that the council will recommend Guterres by "acclamation" to the 193-member General Assembly, which must approve a successor to Ban Ki-moon whose second five-year term ends on Dec. 31.

# Off The Wall

## Police in Italy find fugitive mob boss hiding in home bunker

**ROME** (AP)—One of Italy's most-wanted fugitive mob bosses was arrested after five years on the lam Wednesday when police found him hiding in a home bunker built between the bathroom and his son's bedroom.

Antonio Pelle, 54, crawled out of his hiding place on his stomach to the top of an armoire that had shielded the bunker at his home in southern Reggio Calabria. Video of his surrender showed at least two dozen police surrounding the wardrobe waiting for him to emerge.

Pelle, known as "Mamma," was serving a 20-year prison sentence for mafia association, arms and drug trafficking when he slipped out of a hospital in the town of Locri in September 2011. He had been taken to the hospital to be treated for anorexia, Italian news reports said.

Pelle, who was on the Interior Ministry's list of most dangerous mob fugitives, is considered the boss of the Pelle-Romeo clan of San Luca, in Italy's southern Calabria region. The clan's long-running feud with the rival Nirta-Strangio family erupted in a bloody vendetta in Germany in 2007, when a gangland massacre at an Italian restaurant left six people dead.

The carnage drew international attention to the reach of Calabria's 'ndrangheta mob, which is today considered more powerful than the Sicilian Mafia and has become one of the world's biggest cocaine traffickers.

The Reggio Calabria police chief, Raffaele Grassi, said Pelle was the last of the "strategic protagonists" of the long-running San Luca feud.

"With his capture and the trials underway, each piece of the mosaic has been put in place," the ANSA news agency quoted Grassi as saying at a press conference announcing the arrest.

The San Luca feud cooled between 2000 and 2006, but erupted again when Maria Strangio, the wife of one of the presumed heads of the Strangio clan, was killed on Dec. 25, 2006. The retaliatory massacre in Duisburg, Germany marked the first known time the 'ndrangheta exported a vendetta.

## 2 Vermont teachers accused of vandalizing sidewalk

**WINDSOR, Vt.** (AP)—Two Vermont teachers are accused of drawing on a new concrete sidewalk, causing about $1,500 in damage.

Police say the foreman of the project told 29-year-old Abigail Howard and 35-year-old Jennifer Rist to stay away from the wet concrete on Windsor's Main Street. But police said they returned to draw what looked like a rat with the initials "J.R."

Both were charged with unlawful mischief on Sept. 28 and are scheduled to appear in court in December.

WCAX-TV reports (http://bit.ly/2dGsEa1) that the teachers work at Foundations Upper Valley, a school for students with special needs in Windsor.

The station reports Howard commented on the WCAX Facebook page, saying the drawing was supposed to be a dinosaur, something to engage her students during walks. She wrote, "In retrospect it was pretty stupid, but I didn't realize I would be hurting anyone."

The Windsor police chief says new sidewalks and rock walls are being constructed along Main Street as part of a beautification project.

"It is disheartening to find that persons who work in town would vandalize a project which is intended to improve the town," said Police Chief William Sampson.

The school sent a letter to parents, guardians and community members saying it does not condone the two women's actions and has implemented a professional improvement plan to prevent a future similar occurrence.

Howard and Rist have written letters of apology to the town, will be participating in community service and paying a fine, the letter said.

"They are very remorseful and apologize for any negative impressions this may have made on the public about out school," the statement said.

## OFFBEAT BRIEFS

### Authorities: Man grew pot plants at Vermont cemetery

**RUTLAND, Vt.** (AP)—A 23-year-old man has been charged with growing more than 40 marijuana plants in a Vermont cemetery. The Rutland Herald (http://bit.ly/2dXtY7d ) reports that Adam Mahoney pleaded not guilty Monday in Rutland to a felony marijuana cultivation charge. Authorities say Rutland County deputies found five grow sites while patrolling the Chippenhook Cemetery in Clarendon in August. Deputy Jessica Ryan-LeBlanc says she found the first site before spotting Mahoney in the woods near the cemetery. He allegedly fled when she told him to stop. Authorities say Mahoney was later located and a search of his vehicle found items including fish fertilizer, an open box of Miracle-Gro, containers filled with water and animal repellant spray. An affidavit says Mahoney admitted to caring for and cultivating marijuana plants.

### Young bull moose visits downtown Bismarck and state Capitol

**BISMARCK, N.D.** (AP)—A young bull moose has been taking in the sights of North Dakota's capital city, visiting a mall, several backyards and even wandering in the grounds of the state Capitol. Bismarck Animal Control officials estimate the animal, which was first spotted in Bismarck on Tuesday, is around a year old. The moose has drawn crowds wherever he goes, but police are warning onlookers to keep their distance because the wild animal is likely to be stressed and volatile. City Animal Warden Ed Woodcock says it's the time of year when moose mothers kick out their young. He says the animal likely wandered into the city from the nearby unincorporated communities of Baldwin or McKenzie. Adult male moose—also known as elk—can weigh up to 1,500 lbs.

### Stowaway scorpion stings Pennsylvania man after vacation

**WARMINSTER, Pa.** (AP)—A Pennsylvania man is recovering after he was stung by a scorpion that somehow got into his backpack while he was on vacation in the Caribbean. The 22-year-old Warminster resident had returned home from St. Thomas and reached into the pack to get his computer when he was stung. Buddy Mullen of A-1 Exterminators tells WPVI-TV (http://6abc.cm/2dRI5rM ) in Philadelphia the scorpion disappeared in the man's bedroom. Mullen's team flipped the sheets and the scorpion fell to the floor.

# Science & Technology

## 'Smart speakers' are angling to colonize your living room

AP
In this July 29, 2015, file photo, an Amazon Echo sits on a table in New York.

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Does your home really need a "smart speaker" that can answer questions, call you an Uber, turn off the lights or play music when you ask? You may be about to find out.

Two years ago, Amazon introduced the Amazon Echo, an unassuming, $180 cylinder that sits atop a kitchen counter or bookshelf, acting as a personal assistant that listens to you and does your bidding. Initially, the gadget's main purpose was a little difficult to discern . But Echo and its Alexa voice recognition software have since become a sleeper hit, with an estimated 3 million gadgets sold as of April, according to research firm Consumer Intelligence Research Partners.

### MAKING THE HOME 'SMART'

Now the Echo is getting some company. On Tuesday, Google announced a similar smart speaker called Google Home, which will be available in November for $129. It will perform many of the same tasks as Echo, including playing music and fielding questions plus controlling compatible lights and appliances. The Google Assistant that works with Home will also be able to access your calendar, Google Maps and other services if you allow.

Apple has opened up its Siri personal assistant so that third-party developers can create new features for it, much the way Amazon has done with its Alexa software. Google Assistant is also opening up to outside apps in December. Sony is working on Xperia Agent , a digital assistant that connects to devices in the home.

All these companies are chasing the smart-home market, which could grow to be a $71 billion global industry by 2018, up from $33 billion in 2013 and $25 billion in 2012, according to Juniper Research. That's growing fast, although it's still much smaller than the smartphone market, which the research firm IDC valued at about $412 billion in 2015.

But while the Echo carved out an early success, it remains to be seen whether voice-recognition smart speakers will truly break into the mainstream. "They're early, (but) the market is early, and we have a long way to go," said David Smith, an analyst at research firm Gartner.

### LEARNING NEW SKILLS

One key to the Echo's success was Amazon's willingness to work with third-party developers, allowing it to add new functions each week, making it easy for owners of the speaker to discover new ways to use it. (It launched with a few dozen so-called 'skills' and now has thousands).

"Initially we got it for music," said Brian Bishop, a business analyst in Tomball, Texas, whose family uses two Echos. "Later, when it controlled the lights and fans and outlets, that just made it even better."

Interest in smart homes appears to be rising as more people become enamored with their smartphones. A recent online survey of more than 4,600 adults in the U.S. by Forrester Research's Technographics found 57 percent of them either had used or were interested in using a smart home device such as lights or thermostats designed for remote control.

The Echo's hands-free operation filled an undiscovered niche in the smart-home universe. Users can just say the wake word "Alexa" and direct it to do a task like turn on lights or set a timer. Since you don't need to use a smartphone or tablet, that sets it apart from other smart home systems like those offered by Samsung or Apple.

### SPEAK TO ME

People seem to have an easier time talking to a speaker that has no other interface than they do talking to a smartphone.

"I've never used Cortana. I don't use Google and my wife doesn't use Siri, but everybody talks to Alexa," Bishop from Texas said. "I couldn't really tell you why. That was the only way to communicate, so we all got in the habit."

Buck Wise, an advertising executive in Portland, Oregon, tried several variants of smart home systems, but said the Echo worked best for him because of the hands-free speaker. He has lights, blinds, and his garage door synced with the Echo.

"Alexa truly is the brain of our home and it would feel like 100 steps backwards to get through a day without her," Wise said.

What won him over? Commanding the device just by speaking—and without having to fire up an app—basically did the trick, he said.

# Life & Style

## Lady Gaga premieres new songs at Nashville club

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—Lady Gaga showed that she could rock a club just as hard as arenas as she showcased songs from her new album.

The Grammy-winner played a short set at the 5 Spot bar in Nashville, Tennessee, on Wednesday night to a small crowd of fans and guests and included three new songs from her forthcoming album, "Joanne."

She introduced herself as Lady Gaga from New York City, but asked her fans "tonight if you could just call me Joanne," which is the name of her aunt, who died at age 19, and is also her middle name. The album is set for release on Oct. 21. The performance was steamed live on tour partner Bud Light's Facebook page, as will upcoming bar shows on Oct. 20 and Oct. 27.

She greeted crowds lined up behind police barricades before walking into the club wearing an embroidered jacket and large brimmed hat that covered her eyes and carrying a guitar case. She started with "Sinner's Prayer," followed with "A-Yo," and then brought in top country songwriter Hillary Lindsey as backup vocals on "Million Reasons," which Lindsey co-wrote.

Lindsey is one of a trio of songwriters in Nashville who wrote the country hit "Girl Crush," performed by Little Big Town.

Lady Gaga returned after a short break with her current single "Perfect Illusion" and jumped into the crowd to sing and dance along with her fans.

She told the crowd of just over 100 people that she couldn't "give away too much tonight," and left the crowd wanting more as they chanted "Joanne."

Gaga will be performing at the Super Bowl halftime show in February in Houston.

## In Voyage of Time, the history of life set on a very big screen

**NEW YORK** (AP)—About 20 years ago, Andrew Knoll, a professor of natural history and NASA consultant, was sitting in his office at Harvard when he got a strange phone call.

"The person on the other end of the line said, 'My name is Terry Malick. I'm interested in making a film about the history of life. I'm going to be in Cambridge next month. Could we have lunch?" Knoll recalls. "I must admit, it was probably halfway through lunch when it just dawned on me: 'Hey, this guy made "Badlands."'"

Malick, who never does interviews or public appearances, is perhaps the movies' most secretive filmmaker and for years, the project was the subject of whispers and rumor. Meanwhile, as he was churning out films like "The Tree of Life" and "The Thin Red Line," Malick was quietly and persistently pursuing a long-held dream of seemingly impossible ambition: to make a movie about life as we know it.

But on Friday, Terrence Malick's "Voyage of Time" will finally land in IMAX theaters, which will open their doors to perhaps the strangest combination of children on science field trips, cinephiles and stoned college students ever assembled. They will find a film of vast majesty that welcomes all comers with open arms.

"Dear child," the opening scroll begins. "Today you're going to watch a movie that shows the story of the universe. From the birth of stars, to modern cities glowing in the night. You will always be moving forward in time. The movie goes so far as to include yourself, whenever you examine a little rock, or a leaf. You and they, as you will see, belong to the same story."

For a filmmaker who has always been animated by a profound and inexhaustible sense of wonder, "Voyage of Time" is perhaps Malick distilled down to his essence. There's no story except for the elemental marveling and metaphysical quest that make the backbone of the director's other films. ("The Tree of Life" memorably widened its scope of a Texas family to include the universe and dinosaurs.)

The film's basis is in science (Knoll served as chief science adviser) but it's told with a poetic rapture at the miracles and mysteries of life. The 45-minute film, narrated by Brad Pitt, travels from the Big Bang to today, merging the personal with the universal, filled with awe for "every atom, every particle blazing."

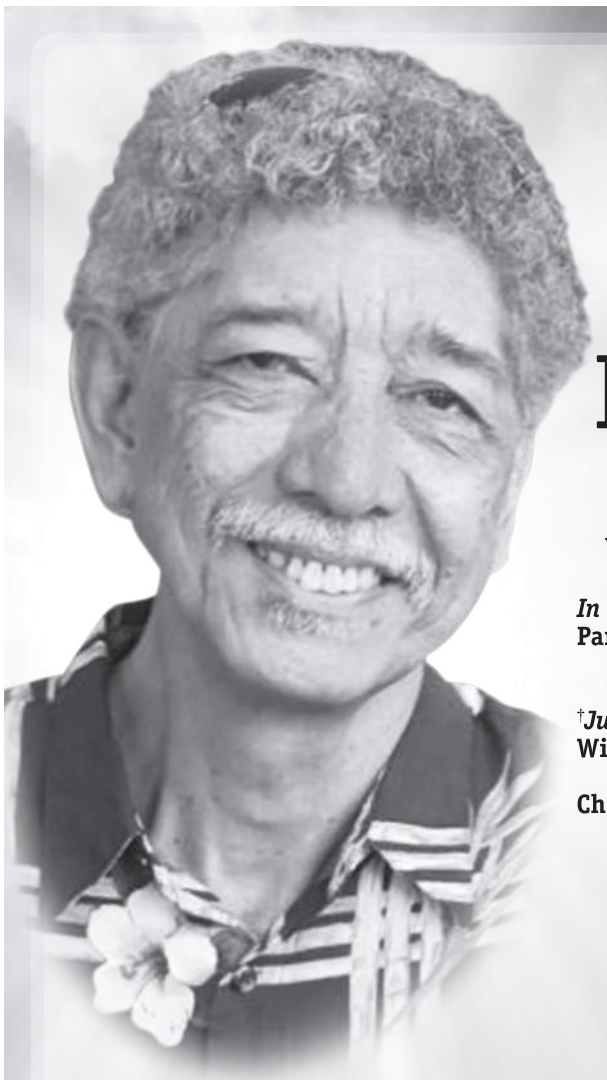
"It was one of the first things Terry and I ever spoke about when we met 14 or so years ago. He started talking about this idea he had and he had a little bit of footage he'd happened to shoot when some celestial event happened," says Sarah Green, a regular producer of Malick's. "Terry's mind is enormous. When he said that I thought, 'Yeah, of course. It's Terry. He can encompass so much.'"

The film was made with a mix of shooting around the globe with IMAX cameras, footage gleaned from the Hubble telescope, re-creations and a sizable amount of digital effects of prehistoric times that were overseen by Dan Glass ("The Matrix," ''Batman Begins"). Malick occasionally met with Knoll and other scientists to go over the chronology and evolutions.

"It's this history and theoretical future seen through the eyes of one of our greatest artists," says Green. "I think it can play day and night, absolutely. We have a G rating. There's nobody who can be kept out of it. But there's obviously some very mature thinking."

A 90-minute version narrated by Cate Blanchett where the journey is a little less guided will also be released sometime next year. But "Voyage of Time: The IMAX Experience" will play like a science documentary in IMAX's museum network, in aquariums and science centers.

Malick's film had been a known project for years at IMAX but it wasn't until a few years ago that it began coming together. Greg Foster, chief executive of IMAX, had been interested in finding new life in the exhibitor's legacy business of nature documentaries through less traditional films. After a call from Malick, he flew out to meet him in Austin, Texas, and see the movie.

*In Loving Memory of*

†Juan Masga Deleon Guerrero

**Lovingly Known as "John"**

October 25, 1954 – October 01, 2016

was called home by our heavenly father at the age of 61

***In his new life, †Juan will be met at the gate of heaven by his:***

**Parents:** †Ignacio Sablan Deleon Guerrero
†Teofilia Masga Deleon Guerrero

***†Juan's Love and Memories will forever remain in the hearts of:***

**Wife:** **Luisa L. Deleon Guerrero**

**Children:**
**Jessica L. Deleon Guerrero** and Rusty Buchanan (Annalisa, Liana, Tristan)
**Jerry L. Deleon Guerrero** and Kimberly Ada (Katelynn, Havani, Jerry Jr.)
**Jennifer L. Deleon Guerrero** (Caren, Marisa, Terence)
**Lisa L. Deleon Guerrero** and Nolan Cruz (Courtney and Kylee)
**Jonisa** and Joaquin Sanchez (John)

**Brothers, Sisters and Children:**
Jose M./†Maria Pangelinan
Jose M. †Isabelle/Siriporn Deleon Guerrero
Herman M./Asinta Deleon Guerrero
Edward M./†Lourdes/Lina Deleon Guerrero
Regina DLG./†Douglas Cushnie
Lucia M. Deleon Guerrero
Thomas M./Olivia Deleon Guerrero
Santiago M./Tara Deleon Guerrero
Magdalena DLG./Edward Aguon
Joaquina DLG./Vicente Salas
Francisco M./Joan Deleon Guerrero
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David M./Frances Deleon Guerrero
Vicente M./Dorothy Deleon Guerrero
Maryann DLG./John Sablan

**Brothers and Sisters In-Law:**
Viviano/Doris Mab and Children
Cecilia/Florencio Yamada and Children
†Corona/†Felix Maidesil and Children
Francis/Augustina Lieb and Children
Hasinta Lieb and Children
Rosary Lieb and Children
Mc Quin/Maria Lieb and Children
Kinsiano/Oribech Lieb and Children
Prisca Lieb and Children
Pamela/Raymond Pangelinan and Children

***He will also be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.***

Daily Mass of Intentions for the repose of his soul are being celebrated each evening at San Vicente Church at 6:00pm.

**Funeral Services will be held on Monday, October 10, 2016. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel at 7:30am to San Vicente Church. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will take place upon arrival of remains.**

**Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am followed by Interment Service at Sanctuario PAX Memorial Gardens where he will be at a peaceful rest.**

Please join us in prayers.

Thank you — Si Yu'us Ma'ase

**Luisa Liep Deleon Guerrero, Children and Families**

# Demi Lovato 'taking a break' after slamming Taylor Swift

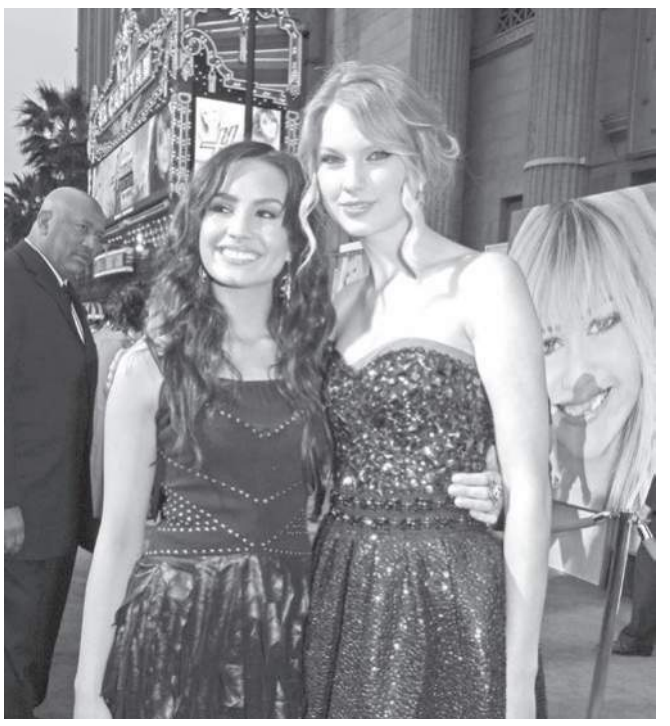
Demi Lovato has announced that she's "taking a break from music and the spotlight" in the wake of criticism of her comments about Taylor Swift in a magazine interview.

In a recent interview with Glamour Magazine, Lovato suggested Swift could do more for feminism "if they're going to claim that as part of their brand." She also referenced Swift's "girl squad" saying, "I don't see anybody in any sort of squad that has a normal body."

Lovato brought up Swift's song "Bad Blood," which many have speculated is a diss at Katy Perry. She says the song is "not women's empowerment."

Lovato said on Twitter Tuesday that she's not apologizing for the remarks, adding that she's excited for 2017 and "not meant for this business and the media."

This isn't the first time the former Disney Channel star has abruptly announced she was taking a break. Lovato posted that she was leaving Twitter in June in response to negative comments from other users, but she returned the next day with a message that she was "coming back more honest than ever." ***(AP)***



AP

In this April 2, 2009, file photo, Taylor Swift, right, and Demi Lovato pose together at the premiere of "Hannah Montana the Movie" in Los Angeles.

## Caitlyn Jenner first Kardashian clan member to speak

**NEW YORK** (AP)—As Kim Kardashian West remains in seclusion and off social media after her Paris ordeal, Caitlyn Jenner became the first family member to post about the armed robbery, sending well wishes to her stepdaughter and a warning for all on Instagram.

Jenner declared Tuesday afternoon, below a black-and-white photo of Kardashian West: "Love my girl!"

She added, "After hearing the full story, I'm so thankful she's okay. It's a reminder for us all to be careful in the uncertainty of this world."

Jenner has nearly 8 million followers on Instagram, including more than 200,000 who left comments below the picture of Kardashian West, posing in a loose cardigan sweater, dark high-neck top and a lace-up waist trainer.

## Greek police break up gang that excavated, sold antiquities

**ATHENS, Greece** (AP)—Greek police said Wednesday they have broken up a major gang that illegally dug up thousands of antiquities and exported them for sale by conniving European auction houses or directly to private buyers.

A spokesman for the southern Patras police directorate, which headed the 14-month nationwide investigation, said more than 50 people allegedly were involved in the criminal organization.

Twenty-six suspects have been arrested so far, ranging from the alleged leaders to people believed to have been carrying out the illegal, nighttime excavations, police spokesman Haralambos Sfetsos said. They face criminal charges that carry prison terms of 5 to 25 years.

## Activists blast 'O'Reilly Factor' Chinatown piece as racist

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Watchdog and activist groups are outraged by a Fox News Channel segment in which an interviewer asked people in New York's Chinatown if he was supposed to bow to greet them, if they were selling stolen goods and if they could "take care of North Korea for us."

Several organizations condemned humorist Jesse Watters' piece on "The O'Reilly Factor," calling it racist and demeaning to Asian-Americans.

"It's 2016. We should be far beyond tired, racist stereotypes and targeting an ethnic group for humiliation and objectification on the basis of their race," Asian American Journalists Association President Paul Cheung said in a letter to Fox and posted online. He is director of interactive and digital news production for The Associated Press.

Cheung called on Fox to apologize to the Asian-American community and asked for "an explanation for how this type of coverage will be prevented in the future."

Watters asked people on the street about the presidential race, sought a demonstration of karate and showed footage of him getting a pedicure.

At one point in Monday's nearly five-minute segment, an elderly woman's silence in response to a query was paired with a clip from Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein" in which Madeline Kahn shouts, "Speak, speak, why don't you speak?!"

Gregory A. Cendana, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, criticized the report.

The coverage, including making "fun" of the Chinese elder, "played into the exoticization and status of perpetual foreigner" of the Asian-American community, Cendana said in a statement.

## SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

### Actor Jamie Foxx visits Venezuela President Maduro

**CARACAS, Venezuela** (AP)—Actor Jamie Foxx has met with President Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela. Foxx, who won the Oscar Award for "Ray" in 2004, visited Maduro in the presidential palace in Caracas. State media said Foxx was there to support the country's socialist revolution and attend the signing of an agreement between Venezuela and its allies for the construction of houses for the poor. Foxx posed for photos with the deeply-unpopular president of the economically embattled South American country. In a national address Tuesday, Maduro praised Foxx's work. Foxx hasn't commented publicly on what motivated his visit. Several U.S. celebrities have visited Venezuela to support the country's socialist revolution over the years, including actors Sean Penn and Danny Glover.

### 'Dancing with the Stars' pros get engaged on Tuesday show

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—"Dancing with the Stars" pros Emma Slater and Sasha Farber took the floor during Tuesday night's results show both to dance and to get engaged. The pair kicked off the show with a dance to Bruno Mars' "Just The Way You Are." Afterward, Farber told Slater that he's "wanted to do this for such a long time" before revealing a ring. Slater quickly accepted the proposal and the rest of the cast joined the couple on stage. Farber later said on Instagram that it was "one moment in my life I will cherish for ever!!!!" Slater says on Twitter she "can't believe it's true." Slater was paired with former Texas Governor Rick Perry this season. He was eliminated last week. Farber is dancing with reality star Terra Jole.

### Fans trash Gerardo Ortiz's set after singer a no-show

**PHILADELPHIA** (AP)—Angry fans of singer Gerardo Ortiz took their exasperation out on his set when he failed to show at a concert in Philadelphia. Ortiz was set to perform Saturday at the Explanada De Philadelphia, but he never took the stage. An opening band played a few songs before it was announced Ortiz wouldn't appear. Video posted online shows fans throwing items at the stage, smashing speakers and damaging instruments and other equipment. On the day of the concert, Ortiz posted a photo on Facebook of himself and friends toasting with some beers. An apology was posted to Ortiz's Facebook page later Saturday saying he couldn't perform due to health reasons. An email seeking comment from Zamora Live, which booked the space for Ortiz's show, wasn't immediately returned Wednesday.

## Temper tantrum puts an end to 15-year-long friendship

DEAR ABBY: I am having to part ways with someone I have known for 15 years. This person has done many good things for me. On the other hand, he has also thrown more insults at me than anyone else in my lifetime. At the snap of a finger, this normally good-hearted person has insulted me, insisted I was wrong (when I wasn't) or dumped cold water on something I was enthusiastic about.

A week ago, I approached him calmly and told him I was uncomfortable with his put-downs. Well, he threw an over-the-top temper tantrum the likes of which I have never seen, accused me of being "weak-kneed" and stomped away. I have finally had it.

I mentioned it to a friend who is a psychologist and he said this person has all the character traits of a raging narcissist. I'm now convinced this person will never change and I cannot understand the pettiness he reverts to. Can you comment?

BREAKING AWAY IN MIAMI

**DEAR BREAKING AWAY: If you feel it is better for you to distance yourself from this "friend," then that's what you should do. He may be a jackass; however, it is unwise to label someone who hasn't been FORMALLY diagnosed as having a personality disorder.**

**DEAR ABBY:** A year ago we had a house fire. While insurance put us up in housing, it took a while to find a place. That first month I didn't know if I was coming or going. Dealing with insurance, contractors, family and a job was almost more than I could handle. The last thing I needed to hear was, "What's for dinner?"

If I have one piece of advice to offer to people who want to help friends, it would be, "Give them gift cards from local restaurants." I know how much I hated to speak up and say I needed help, so don't ask, just DO if you see something needs to be done.

This idea also works well in lieu of flowers or home-cooked meals when someone dies. We gave a friend several gift cards for area restaurants when her husband died. When out-of-town company came in for the funeral, she said they came in handy for her.

HOPEFULLY HELPFUL

**DEAR HOPEFULLY HELPFUL: People are often at a loss about how to help during a crisis, and this isn't something that usually comes to mind. Your suggestion is a good one. Thank you for writing.**

**DEAR ABBY:** Is there a proper way for a man to introduce himself to an attractive woman in a public place like a store or a museum?

DAN IN SAN FRANCISCO

**DEAR DAN: It's not difficult. If you're in a store, ask for her advice about a product. If you're in a museum, strike up a conversation about an artist or a painting, sculpture, etc. Then introduce yourself and keep talking. If she's receptive, she'll give you her name.**

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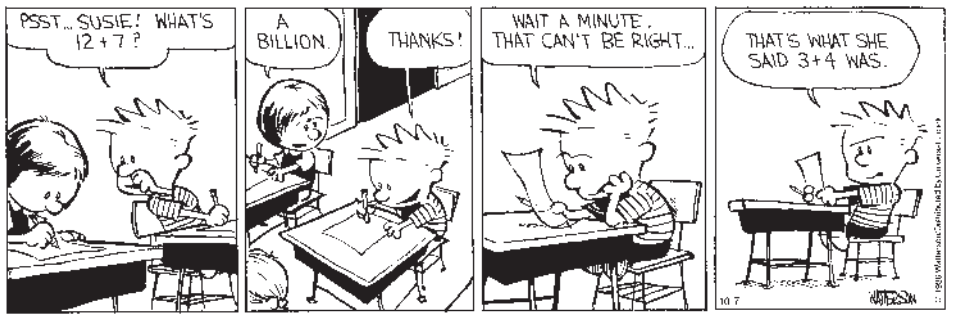
# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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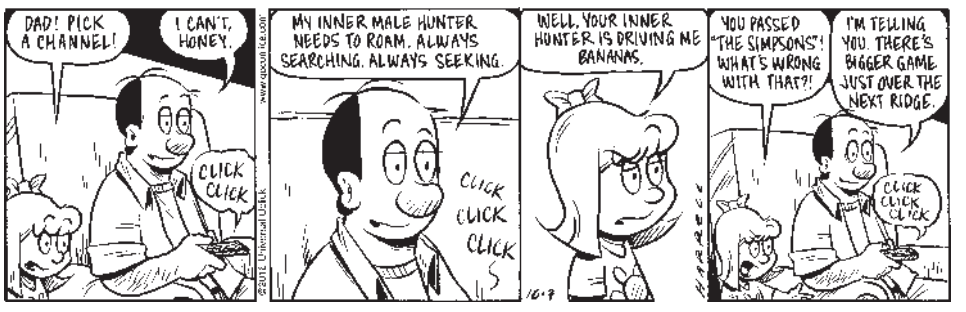
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I CAN'T, HONEY.
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WELL, YOUR INNER HUNTER IS DRIVING ME BANANAS.
YOU PASSED "THE SIMPSONS"! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?!
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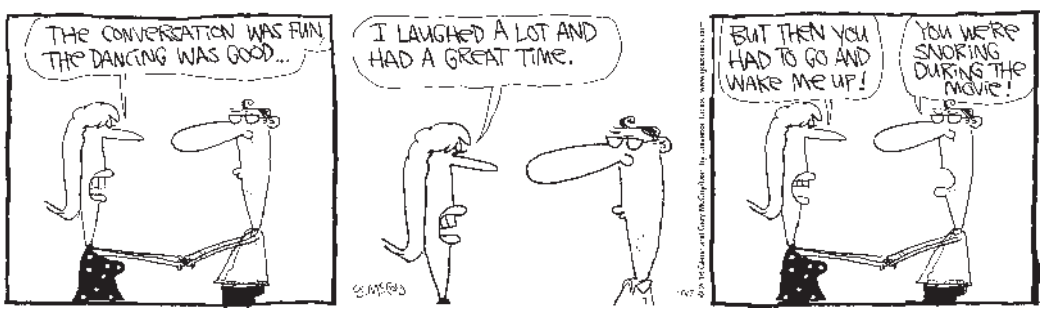
By Glenn McCoy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I LAUGHED A LOT AND HAD A GREAT TIME.
BUT THEN YOU HAD TO GO AND WAKE ME UP!
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## CROSSWORD

*By Eugene Sheffer*

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24 Sir's counterpart
25 Eyelid woe
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27 Ovid's 53
28 Historic times
29 "You've got mail" co.
32 Trinidad music
33 Munch noisily
35 Cattle call?
36 Shriveled grape
38 Navajo or Hopi
39 Boutique
42 Rosary component
43 Celtic tongue
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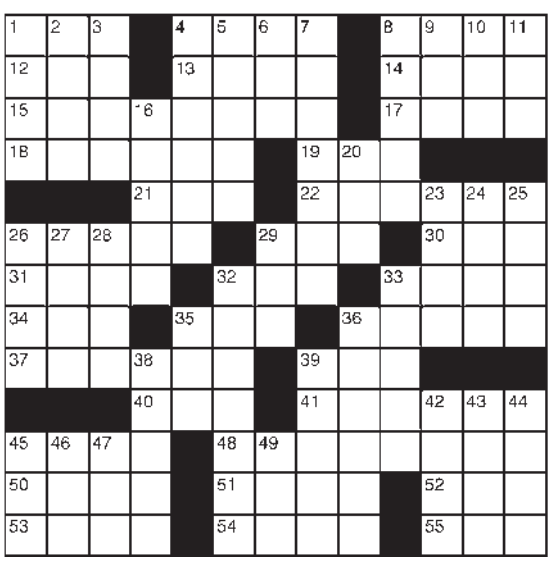
Yesterday's answer 10-7



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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**: Shawn Ashmore, 37; Toni Braxton, 49; Simon Cowell, 57; Joy Behar, 74.

**Happy Birthday**: Take control and make decisions that will help you move forward. Stop putting up with situations that are not to your benefit. Assess what's going on around you and prepare to bring about the changes that will allow you to follow your heart and pursue your dreams. Check out new job opportunities that allow you to use your skills differently. A change will do you good. Your numbers are 6, 13, 22, 24, 35, 39, 44.

**ARIES** (*March 21-April 19*): A problem will develop if you fight the establishment. Listen, observe and wait for the right time to make your move. Too many changes too fast will backfire. Know what you are getting in to and pay close attention to detail. ✪✪

**TAURUS** (*April 20-May 20*): You'll pick up valuable information that will allow you to put your plans in place. Someone will question what you are doing, leading to an emotional situation that can be damaging if not handled properly. Choose your words wisely. ✪✪✪✪

**GEMINI** (*May 21-June 20*): You'll take two steps forward and one step back. Don't feel like you have to rush. Time is on your side, and patience will lead to a much better end result. Listen to reason instead of letting your emotions take over. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** (*June 21-July 22*): Don't overlook any important details. Hands-on care will be required for any changes you want to make at home or in a relationship that is facing challenges. Make personal improvements rather than trying to change others. ✪✪✪

**LEO** (*July 23-Aug. 22*): The changes you bring about today will set you up for advancement. Network and share your thoughts with someone who can influence your future. Learn from what you see and hear and make your decisions clear to everyone involved. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Keep busy and stay out of trouble. A challenge is best handled without letting your emotions get in the way. Look past your immediate situation and aim for a specific point in the future at which you can enjoy greater peace of mind. ✪✪

**LIBRA** (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Attending a reunion will give you plenty to think about. Incorporate changes that will give you an emotional boost. A trip will turn out to be educational as well as give you the push you need to move forward. ✪✪✪✪

**SCORPIO** (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Travel and communications will excite you. Make plans to do something unique with someone who comes from a different background than you. Sharing ideas will give you the chance to explore new possibilities. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Make changes based on what works best for you. Alter your living arrangements or make a move that will promote better opportunities. Rely on your emotions to help you make a choice that will have long-term effects. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Observe the changes going on around you, and source out who is behind what has transpired. Knowing where you stand will make it much easier to face a difficult situation. Don't give in; give back. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Listen attentively, but don't give in to someone who is playing emotional games with you. Keep your money and possessions in a safe place and don't feel the need to bail out others. ✪✪✪✪

**PISCES** (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Mix and mingle, share your thoughts, and make connections that will help you reach your goals. A promise to someone you love will lead to a bright future. Cut your losses by making good choices and streamlining your costs to fit future plans. ✪✪✪✪

**Birthday Baby**: You are intelligent, outgoing and progressive. You are persistent and enthusiastic.

*Eugenia's website—**eugenialast.com**, Eugenia's android app @ **http://bit.ly/exhoro** and join Eugenia on **twitter/facebook/linkedin**.*

## SUDOKU

**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/07

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

**Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer**

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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## WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

**FOR DRY SKIN** Solution: 5 letters

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Francisco C. Cabrera
dba Design Florist/Cabrera Funeral

**Job Vacancy Announcement**

(1) **Funeral Service Manager**

(1) **Computer systems Adnministrator**

- Must be graduate of any related course/degree.
- At least 2 years experience and reliable in an office functions.

All interested applicant must apply in person.
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Beach Road, Garapan

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Bulletin board

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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Email: nmhc@nmhc.gov.mp • Website: http://www.nmhcgov.net

**RE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Opening Date:** October 7, 2016
**Closing Date:** October 28, 2016

**Position:** Accounting Clerk
**Salary:** PL 23/01 – $16,651.51 to PL 23/05 - $20,234.11 P/A
*(Starting salary will be determined by the qualifications of the appointee.)*

**Job Location:** NMHC Central Office, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950

Detailed job description, qualification requirements and other information may be picked up, together with NMHC's employment application form, during regular working hours at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular working hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except CNMI and austerity holidays.

All applicants must complete and submit the NMHC Employment Application Form together with required documents that are listed in the Employment Application Package. Failure to provide the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. NMHC and all its properties are drug-free zones; therefore, selected applicant will be subject to pre-employment drug screening.

Applicants are requested to submit their original application and supporting documents to the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 28, 2016, **OR MAILED AND POSTMARKED** no later than October 28, 2016, to the Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P. O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950.

It is the policy of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) that the merit system will be applied and administered according to the principle of equal opportunity for all citizens and nationals as defined by its personnel regulations and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Constitution regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager at (670) 234-9447/7689 or by email to officemanager@nmhcgov.net. NMHC is a fair housing agency and an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

/s/ **JESSE S. PALACIOS**
Corporate Director

**Job Vacancy Announcement**

Strategic Gaming Solution, Inc. has immediate opening for

**Barterder (2)**

**Position Summary:** Responsible for operating and maintaining the e-gaming/digital lounge bar during the shift. Ensuring that the bar, equipment and stock is maintained and cleaned. Ensure that all stock levels are adequate. Mix and serve drinks to patrons, directly or through wait staff.

**Position Requirements:** High School Graduate, GED or equivalent plus 1 year work experience as a bartender. Candidate must be energetic with an excellent track record in hospitality and who thrives in a fast-paced service environment; must have depth knowledge about wines, spirits, cocktails and other drink ingredients; has the ability to communicate effectively with guests, team members and management in both written and verbal form. Must have the ability to handle multiple tasks, must demonstrate true passion to serve guests, have strong team work skills, must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays and weekends. Must be highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication and leadership skills an advantage.

Kindly pick up an application at our Human Resources Department located within Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe. Application may be picked up Monday to Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Last day to submit application is October 10, 2016. No phone call please.

L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is inviting qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

**PROGRAMMER ANALYST**
Associate's degree in computer science or computer programming or information technology and at least 3 years of progressive work-related experience in information technology. Must have strong practical knowledge in various programming languages, operating systems and relational databases management particularly in midrange Relational Database Management System (RDMS) environment such as SQL server. Knowledge in windows-based and web-based programming is a must.

**SALES OFFICER**
Provides required product information to both existing and prospective customers. Provides support to the department with regard to sales and marketing and customer service programs activities. Responsible for ensuring good relations with all its customers both existing and prospective ones.

Preferably an Associate's Degree graduate in Sales and Marketing or any related courses. Must have at least three (3) years experience in sales and marketing. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Manage account, prepare paper works and variety of reports to monitor & maintain contract services.

Computer literate. Above average oral and written communication skills. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Can work flexible hours.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan or e-mail it to lnt_recruitment@tanholdings.com. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

**L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**
**Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.**

**Gold Mantis Construction Decoration (CNMI),LLD**
PMB 599. BOX 10000, Saipan, MP 96950
Looking for qualified U.S. Workers, please email your resume to:
goldmantiscnmi@gmail.com

**JOB TITLE:** Administrative Officer
**NUMBER OF OPENING:** 1
**SALARY RANGE:** $6.55 to $12 /hourly

**Job Duties**

- Manages and executes administrative, project, and executive support activities associated with the office of a core division or equivalent component of the company. Reporting directly to the principal executive officer of the entity, serves as principle point of administrative contact and liaison with internal and external constituencies.
- Provides and/or oversees the provision of direct staff support to the office manager. Provides specialist administrative services as appropriate in such areas as public/community relations, faculty, staff, general business administration; and/or development and relations, depending upon the functional area supported.
- Oversees and administers the day-to-day activities of the office; develops policies, procedures, and systems which ensure productive and efficient office operation.
- Provides assistance and support in problem solving, project planning and management, and development and execution of stated goals and objectives.
- Provides and/or oversees provision of staff support to the office, to include handling walk-up and phone interactions, maintaining calendars and travel arrangements, screening, analyzing, and responding to incoming correspondence, handling day-to-day problems and situations, and provision of secretarial support.
- Provides assistance in the understanding and interpretation of company policies and procedures, as appropriate, and ensures that office operations are in compliance with policy provisions and standards.
- Assists in the coordination, supervision, and completion of special projects, as appropriate.

**Qualifications:**

- Completed degree(s) from an accredited institution that are above the minimum education requirement may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis
- Bachelor's degree; 2 years of directly related experience managing at least one of the following functional areas: fiscal services, administration and/or human resources
- Must be able to speak, read, and write in Mandarin

**Experience:**

- Five years of additional work experience directly related to the duties and responsibilities specified.

Saipan Adventures, Inc. invites qualified U.S. worker candidates to apply for the following positions:

**Customer Service Agent (1)**
High School Diploma or GED with at least two (2) months work experience in travel/tour operation or sales or service based work environment, room reservations and vendor relations. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications (Excel, MS Word, Outlook, Power Point). Preferably fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese (Mandarin) languages. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes.

**Tour Guide (7)**
High School Diploma or GED with a minimum of six (6) months to one (1) year experience in travel or tour operation, sales or service related field. Able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Able to drive tourists safely through various tour routes. Fluent in both written and oral communication in the English and Chinese languages.

Interested applicants may send their resumes to savi_recruitment@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than **October 20, 2016**. Applications for Employment are available at the Front Office of Century Tours Inc. located on the Ground Floor of Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Applicants must be able and willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

**Saipan Adventures, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer**
**Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.**

MGS
MARIANAS GEOTECH SERVICES

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**POSITION:** Engineering Technician

**DUTIES:** Perform field and/or laboratory testing, and assist in soil investigations. Tabulate, prepare, and submit written reports based on project observations and inspections. Coordinate with project managers, technicians, clients, and others regarding the construction site and requirements. Other duties as assigned by supervisor.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent, at least 3 years of relevant experience, computer proficient, and good communication skills.

Applications are available at www.marianasgeotech.com and at the Marianas Geotech Services (MGS) office in Dandan. Submit applications by **5:00 p.m. on October 21, 2016**, to Carmen Borja at admin@marianasgeotech.com or at the MGS office. For more information, please contact 234-7645.

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPY • CNMI GOVERNMENT**
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**
**RFP NO.: RFP16-BECQ/DCRM-178**

**SUBMISSION: OCTOBER 21, 2016 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**"CUBICLE WORKSTATIONS / PARTITIONS & OFFICE FURNITURE / FIXTURES FOR THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY – DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT"**

THE SCOPE OF WORK IS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPLLY LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, CAPITOL HILL SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS. **QUESTIONS** REGARDING THIS RFP CAN BE MADE TO JANICE CASTRO BY E-MAIL TO janicecastro@becq.gov.mp NO LATER THAT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, **OCTOBER 12, 2016.**

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTION IN A PROPOSAL IF IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

**/S/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN**
ADMINISTRATOR OF BECQ

**/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

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**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**
**INVITATION TO BID**
**ITB NO.: ITB16-OPM-183 (A) (B)**

**SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2016** **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**"PURCHASE OF SEVEN (7) DESKTOP COMPUTERS AND TWO (2) LAPTOP/NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS FOR THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT"**

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENCION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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/S/ **ISIDRO K. SEMAN**
DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

/S/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
DIRECTOR, P&S

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**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY**
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**COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY**
**SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF AUTOMOTIVE DIESEL OIL**
**PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-001-17**

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the supply and delivery of Automotive Diesel Oil for its use at the Saipan International Airport/Seaport.

The information, scope of work and other considerations of the proposal is available beginning September 30, 2016 from 0800 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Interest proposers must submit one original and two copies of the sealed proposal. The sealed proposals must be submitted before 4:30 p.m., October 19, 2016, to the Office of the Executive Director on the aforementioned location.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

**/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**
Acting Executive Director

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N.M.I. ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTER 80 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, SUB-CHAPTER 80-20.1 EMPLOYMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS § 80-20.1-210 ( C ) ( 3 ) Exemptions from Workforce Participation § 80-20.1-215 (b) Particular Construction Project. Exemptions issued prior to this notice remains in effect until their expiration date.

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**Mason (20) $6.60– 7.50/hour**
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# Bumgarner, Gillaspie lead Giants over Mets 3-0; Cubs next

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Nobody takes to October like Madison Bumgarner and the San Francisco Giants.

Bumgarner pitched a four-hitter for his latest postseason gem, outlasting Noah Syndergaard in a classic duel between aces, and injury substitute Conor Gillaspie hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning that sent San Francisco to a 3-0 victory over the New York Mets in the NL wild-card game Wednesday night.

"This game was everything we thought. Two really outstanding pitchers going at it. It was all as advertised," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "One of the best postseason games I've been a part of. It was so exciting."

Gillaspie connected off All-Star closer Jeurys Familia, who led the majors this year with a club-record 51 saves while allowing only one home run.

With their ninth consecutive victory when facing postseason elimination, Bochy and the Giants advanced to play the NL Central champion Cubs in a best-of-five Division Series. Game 1 is Friday night at venerable Wrigley Field in Chicago.

"I like our chances," Bumgarner said.

The good news for the Cubs as they attempt to end a championship drought that dates to 1908 is that Bumgarner probably won't start until Game 3—and would only be available once on full rest.

AP

San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Madison Bumgarner (40) winds up during the first inning of a National League wild-card baseball game against the New York Mets on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, in New York

That's because the big lefthander has been untouchable under pressure.

"It's unbelievable what he's done," Gillaspie said.

The last time Bumgarner was on the mound in the postseason, he saved Game 7 of the 2014 World Series in Kansas City with five scoreless innings on two days' rest to cap one of the greatest playoff performances in baseball history.

Including his four-hit shutout at Pittsburgh in the 2014 wild-card game, he has tossed 23 straight scoreless innings in winner-take-all games—all on the road.

"He's one of the game's great big-game pitchers," Mets manager Terry Collins said.

Asked how he wants to be remembered, Bumgarner said: "I'm a winner. That's all anybody wants to be."

After having the best record in the majors at the All-Star break, San Francisco was 26-42 in the second half before finishing with a four-game winning streak to hold off St. Louis by one game for the final NL playoff spot.

Now, the Giants have a chance to extend their pattern of even-year titles after winning World Series crowns in 2010, '12 and '14.

In a matchup between the past two NL champions, Syndergaard struck out 10 in seven innings of two-hit ball. Familia entered in the ninth and Brandon Crawford lined a leadoff double. Angel Pagan struck out after failing to get a bunt down, and Joe Panik walked.

Gillaspie, starting at third base for injured All-Star Eduardo Nunez and playing his first postseason game, drove a 96 mph pitch to right field and pumped his arm as he rounded first.

"I don't know what I was thinking. Normally I'm not a fired-up guy. I let some frustration out from the first six innings with that swing," Gillaspie said.

Before he connected, the Giants had a pinch-hitter on deck to bat for Bumgarner.

When the ball cleared the fence, it stunned a revved-up, orange towel-waving crowd of 44,747 that sank into its Citi Field seats with a collective groan.

"I missed the location," Familia said simply.

With the Giants ahead, Bochy sent Bumgarner back out. He closed with a 1-2-3 ninth against the 3-4-5 hitters and smacked his glove in triumph when rookie T.J. Rivera flied out to end it.

San Francisco players hugged each other behind the mound and headed for the clubhouse to celebrate with bubbly, cheered by a happy contingent of Giants fans behind their dugout.

"Bum just did his thing," Bochy said. "We won the game because of him."

With his sizzling fastball clocking 99 mph and long, blond locks dangling down his neck, Syndergaard held San Francisco hitless until Denard Span's two-out single in the sixth.

Mets center fielder Curtis Granderson kept the game scoreless with a courageous grab of Brandon Belt's deep drive, crashing hard with his left shoulder into the padded fence 408 feet from home plate and tumbling to the warning track.

Syndergaard simply overpowered the Giants at times, but Bumgarner kept the Mets off balance by mixing pinpoint pitches and changing speeds from around 93 mph down to 77 mph.

New York came out swinging after Collins said before the game his hitters had seen enough video of Bumgarner over the past two days to know he would challenge them. But the aggressive approach played right into the hands of Bumgarner and the Giants, who never had to use a shaky bullpen that struggled badly down the stretch.

The big lefty was able to get quick outs early and went the distance on 119 pitches, striking out six and walking two - one intentional. He needed only seven pitches to get through each of the first three innings, with the help of a double play.

"I really thought, 'Hey look, if we can get to him early,'" Collins said. "We probably need to do a little better job of working the count."

# For banged-up Mets, just reaching playoffs was a triumph

**NEW YORK** (AP)—The Mets basked in defeat.

Sure, they were disappointed. But there were no tears, not a shred of frustration. Instead, there was—to a man—a sense of accomplishment.

Their starting lineup included just three players who were on the field for the season opener in Kansas City.

Their third baseman and captain didn't play after May 27.

Their starting first baseman had 23 at-bats after May 20.

Their second baseman was done for the year on Aug. 27.

Their shortstop was playing on a bum knee.

Their regular catcher was benched after driving in one run in the season's final month.

Their star slugger, struggled with a strained quadriceps, hit one home run after Sept. 11.

And four of their five highly touted projected starting pitchers were on the sidelines after seasons more notable for surgeries than strikeouts.

AP

New York Mets relief pitcher Jeurys Familia (27) walks off the field at the end of the top of the ninth inning after giving up a three-run home run to San Francisco Giants' Conor Gillaspie during the National League wild-card baseball game, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, in New York.

In a season where MRIs were discussed more often than ERAs, not even seven shutout innings from Noah Syndergaard was enough, given the decimated offense for the defending NL champions.

"I'm really proud of these guys, to handle all that adversity," Syndergaard said after Wednesday night's season-ending 3-0 loss in the NL wild-card game to Madison Bumgarner and the San Francisco Giants.

Last year, they won their first NL pennant since 2000, reviving a franchise that seemed to be on spin cycle after the Bernard Madoff Ponzi scheme. And this year they filled the seats regularly at Citi Field, which rocked with energy as they overtook the Yankees in local television ratings. Just 60-62 in mid-August, they managed to finish 87-75 and clinch a playoff berth with a game to spare.

"I don't think you can say enough for what these guys did," said Jacob deGrom, one of the injured star pitchers. "Everybody was pretty much counting us out at one point, and we battled back. ... I'm proud to call them my teammates."

Syndergaard pitched up to his Thor nickname, striking out 10 and walking three, throwing 42 thunderbolts to 98 mph or higher—more than Philadelphia or Cleveland's pitchers all season, according to Inside Edge. Curtis Granderson made a run-saving catch in a Willie Mays impersonation.

But Jeurys Familia gave up a three-run homer to Conor Gillaspie in the ninth inning, a drive into the right-field bullpens that stunned the Citi Field crowd into silence.

No more comebacks. No more hope.

"They're hurting, but there's no reason to be," Mets manager Terry Collins said. "They were written off so many times this summer and yet they kept fighting back. ... You've got to have special people and special character to play in this town and in this environment, and that's in that room."

Last year, Familia allowed a tying home run to Alex Gordon in the ninth of the World Series opener, and he was charged with three blown saves - partly because of his defense. He knew the 96 mph offering to Gillaspie would be a home run as soon as the bat made contact.

"I missed the location," he said.

Time to heal. Less than 4 1/2 months until pitchers and catchers, ones the Mets hope have soothed muscles, mended tendons, resuscitated ligaments and rejuvenated spirits.

"We're disappointed," Collins said, "but we'll be able to get healthy, and we'll be back."

# Rose accuser weeps, defense says rape case about money

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Lawyers for NBA star Derrick Rose and two friends accused of raping an incapacitated woman doubled down Wednesday on their assertions that the accuser willingly had sex with the trio, saying she performed sex acts on the men earlier that night at Rose's mansion in Beverly Hills.

In sharp contrast to the opening statement in the civil case from the woman's lawyer who called the incident a "classic gang rape," the defense described an August 2013 scene for jurors in Los Angeles federal court that sounded like a porn movie.

They said the woman gave lap dances earlier under a sky full of stars by the side of Rose's pool overlooking city lights, performed oral sex on Rose and had sex with his two friends before inviting them back to her apartment.

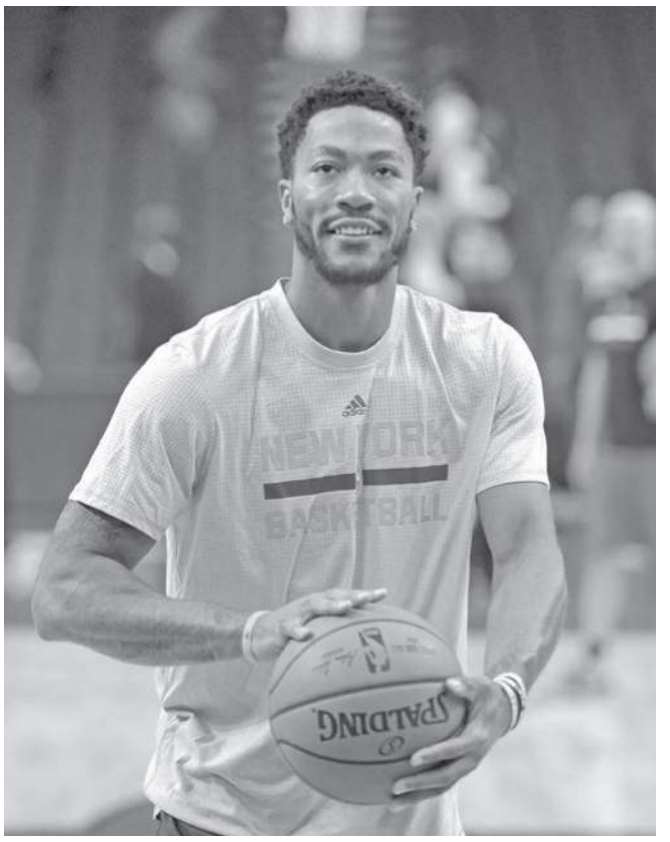
"There was no gang rape," attorney Mike Monico said. "There was no rape at all."

The woman's lawyer said the story about her having sex earlier in the night was falsely concocted to try to show she was insatiable and wanted to have sex with the men later that night. He said the three got into her apartment in the early morning hours after she passed out from drinking and raped her while she faded in and out of consciousness.

"The plaintiff will tell you all three men were in the bedroom at the same time," attorney Waukeen McCoy said. "Each of them took turns raping her, they don't even know who went first."

As the incident was graphically described and jurors looked on with pained expressions, the 30-year-old woman leaned forward so her long dark hair covered her face and dabbed at her eyes with tissues.

The Associated Press is not naming her because it generally doesn't identify people who say they are victims of sexual assault.



AP
New York Knicks guard Derrick Rose warms up before facing the Houston Rockets in an NBA preseason game, Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016, in Houston.

The jury of six women and two men will have to decide if the accuser consented to sex or was too intoxicated from either alcohol or drugs to give consent.

They will have to rely primarily on her word against that of Rose and the other two men, Ryan Allen and Randall Hampton. There is no physical evidence because the woman was not examined by a doctor afterward and did not report the rape to police for two years—after filing the $21 million suit.

McCoy said the woman was too embarrassed to initially report the incident.

After sex, Rose took his condom, put it back in the wrapper and took it with him "like he was never there," McCoy said.

NBA players are instructed to flush their condoms down the toilet or take them so women can't use the sperm to impregnate themselves, Rose's lawyer said.

Rose, 28, was traded to the New York Knicks this season after spending his previous seven years in his native Chicago with the Bulls. He's in the final year of a five-year deal that will pay him $21.3 million, almost identical to what the plaintiff is seeking.

"It's a sad effort to get a lottery hit," attorney Mark Baute said of the lawsuit.

Rose, who was not in court after Tuesday's preseason opener in Houston but expected to be present Thursday, had shown no remorse and told New York Knicks President Phil Jackson that he'd lost no sleep over the matter, McCoy said.

The defense will focus on the many text messages the woman exchanged with Rose, whom she dated on and off for nearly two years. The lawyers said the messages showed she was lucid and not intoxicated after returning home from Rose's mansion. They denied she was ever drugged.

The two were split up when she texted Rose out of the blue the morning of Aug. 26 to say he makes her "horny."

Rose replied by asking what she was doing that night and suggested she bring a friend over for a threesome. She rejected that idea, but agreed to bring a friend over later for drinks.

A clip from a deposition taken of Rose was played in which he was asked if there was anything in the text messages that led him to believe the plaintiff wanted to have sex with him and two friends that night.

He said, "No."

In a later clip, he was asked if he understood what consent means.

He also answered, "No."

# OKC beats Barcelona 92-89 for 1st win without Durant

**BARCELONA, Spain** (AP)—Forward Enes Kanter scored 24 points and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat Barcelona 92-89 on Wednesday for their first win after the departure of star forward Kevin Durant.

Kanter drove for a lay-up with a minute to play to put the Thunder ahead for good to conclude their preseason trip to Spain on a high note after Monday's loss at Real Madrid.

Just like against Madrid, Thunder coach Billy Donovan limited point guard Russell Westbrook to the first and third quarters. He finished with 12 points and five assists in 21 minutes.

New backcourt partner Victor Oladipo added 10 points, but again struggled from behind the 3-point arc. The former Orlando Magic guard has made two of 11 3-point attempts in his two matches with his new team.

While Oladipo can't come close to matching Durant's shooting touch, Westbrook highlighted the other qualities that Oladipo brings.

"He brings athleticism, his speed. Defensively he can do big things," Westbrook said. "It is doing to be a learning process for both of us, but we will figure it out."

The Thunder were without center Steven Adams, who injured his right ankle during Monday's 142-137 overtime loss at Madrid. His absence was noticed in the first half when center Ante Tomic scored 10 points.

"Obviously with Russell we are not going to play him a lot of minutes, and Steven Adams is hurt, so it gave our new guys a chance to play," Donovan said. "I think from Monday to today we have gotten better as a team. It was a great experience to work with new faces and new pieces. I think it was very beneficial."

Barcelona was led by former Portland Trailblazer forward Victor Claver, who scored a game-high 25 points.

Westbrook thrilled the Catalan crowd with a flying dunk late in the first quarter before taking to the bench until halftime.

Without their on-court leader, the Thunder fell nine points behind before rookie Domantas Sabonis capped a rally with a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to two points (47-45) entering the third quarter.

Alex Abrines, who joined the Thunder from Barcelona this offseason, also scored six points late in the final period to help put Kanter in position to get the win.

After Claver hit a 3-pointer to put the hosts up by three points, Kanter scored game's last six points with a jumper, the go-ahead lay-up, and a pair of free throws.

"I am happy the game worked out like it did because our guys got some good experience," Donovan said. "It forces them to gain some mental toughness. It put them in crucial situations down the stretch."

It was the second game the Thunder have played since the departure of Durant this summer to Western Conference rival the Golden State Warriors.

The Thunder heads back to the U.S. for four more preseason games, this time against NBA opponents Dallas, Memphis, Minnesota and Denver, before opening the season at the Philadelphia 76ers on Oct. 26.

# Aqib Talib could still face discipline over shooting

**ENGLEWOOD, Colo.** (AP) — Aqib Talib swears he's more concerned about the possible punishment Julio Jones could deliver this weekend than any discipline that might await him from NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

The Denver Broncos star cornerback could still face discipline from the league over the shooting in Dallas last summer in which he admitted accidentally shooting himself in his right leg.

"I'm not really worried about anything except for Atlanta right now," Talib said Wednesday, a day after WFAA-TV in Dallas reported that detectives determined Talib shot himself on June 5, but that he wouldn't face any criminal charges in the case.

"When I heard that report yesterday, I immediately got on my iPad and started watching Julio Jones," Talib said. "I cannot even worry about it. I got my hands full with enough already. Like I said, it's still under review. I'm not really going to talk about that right now."

Dallas police confirmed the report Wednesday evening in a statement, saying Talib's attorney had provided a letter "that stated Aqib Talib admitted he shot himself accidentally." But police said the investigation is ongoing.

AP

Denver Broncos cornerback Aqib Talib (21) celebrates with strong safety T.J. Ward (43) after Talib intercepted a pass by Jameis Winston during the second quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016, in Tampa, Fla.

Even if he faces no legal consequences in the case, Talib could still be suspended or fined by the NFL, which doesn't require criminal charges or a conviction to mete out player punishment.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Talib's case "is under review of the personal conduct policy."

Coach Gary Kubiak said the Broncos are "just moving forward, he's playing great, obviously having a heck of a year and (we're) expecting him to keep going."

Teammates aren't fretting either, suggested cornerback Chris Harris Jr.

"That's a weird situation," Harris said. "You never know what's going to happen. You never know what the NFL's going to do anytime, with any situation. Right now, he's not in jail. So, I mean, what can you do if he didn't go to jail? He didn't do anything wrong."

On Sunday, the Broncos (4-0) host the Falcons (3-1), who are coming off a 48-33 rout of Carolina in which Matt Ryan threw for 503 yards and Jones became just the sixth player in NFL history to post a 300-yard receiving game.

Talib, who was sidelined for three months after suffering a gunshot wound to his right thigh and calf, has started all four of Denver's games and has three interceptions.

That's one shy of his total from 2015 when he earned his third consecutive Pro Bowl berth, but also was suspended for one game for his deliberate eye poke to a Colts tight end, which cost him $323,529.

Talib is making $8.5 million this year and GM John Elway disputed a report last month that the Broncos had talked about trading him.

## Shirley's takes early lead in Dove women's league

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REPORTER

Shirley's Football Club moved on top of the team standings in Division A of the 2016 Dove Women's Fall League after nosing out Kanoa FC, 4-3, last Sunday at the Chacha Ocean View Middle School.

The victory gave Shirley's 2-0-0 win-draw-loss record and put the team ahead of TanHoldings (1-0-1), Paire (1-0-1), and Kanoa (0-0-2).

De Jana scored the winning goal in the final minute of the match. Shirley's three other goals came from Diana Maniacop, Mae Ito, and Katrina Costales. Kanoa, on the other hand, drew two goals from Paulynn Joyce and one from Marrielle Gariguez.

In the other Division A game, TanHoldings downed Paire, 5-1.

Gillian Villagomez lifted TanHoldings to its first win after scoring a hat-trick. Janelle Chognacki and Aliza Norwood drilled the two other goals for TanHoldings, while Angel Sally posted the lone goal for Paire.

### DIVISION B

### Babs 3, MP United 1

Babs took its first win of the season after edging MP United (1-0-1).

Soledad Quan had a pair goals for Babs, while Manami Tadakoro chipped in one. Julia Ishikawa knocked in the lone goal for MP United.

### Kanoa 3, KHS 2

Kanoa also gained its first win in the division after slipping past Kagman High School.

Marie Aldan drained the go-ahead goal in the second half, while Kanoa's two other goals were courtesy of Hannah Kaitlyn Santos and Christine Beceril. Nazalie Mirzoin and Mannelyn Cabrera had one goal apiece for Kagman.

### Shirley's 5, Paire 1

In the opening game in the division, Shirley's topped Paire.

Valeria Myers and Thereze Millare scored two goals in Shirley's first win, while Marilou Arriola contributed one. Pangelinan hit the only goal for Paire.

### MASTERS

### Matansa 4, Topnotch 2

In the first game in the division, Matansa outclassed Topnotch.

Bunruang Brassuell towed Matansa to the win after firing a pair of goals. Ratree Ditwiset and Khankew Baothing added one goal apiece, while Tomoko Bogdan registered the two goals for Topnotch.

### Kanoa 3, TanHoldings 0

Lanie Santos led Kanoa to a shutout win over TanHoldings.

Santos made two goals, scoring in the 35th and 44th minute, while Patricia Kebriel logged the other goal for Kanoa.

## MOC

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to 23. Manning is among the crewmembers and is joined on the team by Jose Quan, Vince Tudela, Bobby Cruz, Rich Salas, Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel, Billy Grow, Angel San Nicolas, and James Lee.

Manning and company will be racing in the 500m sprint, 1,500m event, long distance (around 20K) and V1 (one-man canoe in 500m).

"We have yet to decide who among us will join in the V1," Manning said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

He added that the squad has been training for the tournament in Palau in the last six months. They are practicing four times a week with each session on weekdays lasting for one and a half hours.

"On weekends, we usually do long distance training and it's good for two to three hours," Manning said.

The MOC coach has no specific idea of the teams (outside the CNMI) they will be facing in Palau, but he expects a bigger field since last year's event that Saipan was scheduled to host was canceled due to Typhoon Soudelor.

"I am sure there will be a lot of strong teams going to Palau because they are pretty excited to be back in the water and compete after the event on Saipan last year was canceled. It's hard to tell who will win, but for me, the hosts, always have the advantage because it is their water," the MOC coach said.

"As for our team, I feel good that our crew have been working hard to get in shape and prepare for the races. We've been spending enough time in the water to do well and have good results in the competition. We will do our very best," Manning added.

Besides MOC's men's team, other CNMI representatives to the three-day tournament are Napu Outrigger Canoe Club (youth girls and boys and adult co-ed), Saipan Paddling Club (men's and women's and youth co-ed), Marianas Pacific Paddlers (women's), and Hoe Lokahi (men's and women's). Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, Hong Kong, Japan, and Australia are also expected to field teams in this month's tournament.

Meanwhile, the Northern Marianas National Paddle Sports Federation will hold sprint and long distance races this weekend at Kilili Beach as tune-ups for the Palau-bound teams.

## LEE

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the indoor in Auckland, it's pretty difficult to play in the outdoor court in Hamilton. The tennis ball changed into head, the ball now is harder, and it bounces and goes fast, so I need to play smarter and take it earlier. The weather in Hamilton is pretty bad, too—more windy. Games are getting harder and harder as the tournament progresses," the 14-year-old player said.

## ACE

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share of the lead with Duenas Compound and the Ol'Aces. The Patriots lost another tight match and have only one victory to show after three games.

The Patriots could've gained their second triumph and recover from their 59-62 loss to Saipan Apparel if not for their free throw woes in the last two minutes of the match. The Patriots went 1-for-6 from the foul line with Leo Galarse going 1-for-4 and Jack Aranda shooting 0-for-2.

Before his free throw misses, Galarse earlier knocked in a triple that gave Patriots a 64-62 advantage, 1:38 left on the clock. Ace Hardware botched its offensive set on the other end, while Galarse was fouled in the ensuing play. The former Saipan Southern High School standout muffed both charities, but got the ball back in the battle for the long rebound and was fouled anew. He had a split, making his first free throw to hand the Patriots a 65-62 advantage, with 1:10 remaining in the game.

Ace Hardware and the Patriots then traded misses in a couple of plays before Ken Viray drilled a point-blanked basket off Brady Hammond's wayward shot to cut the deficit to 1, 64-65, 14 seconds to go.

The Patriots sued for time and when the game resumed, Ace Hardware's Sid Quan gave up a preemptive foul on Aranda. The Patriots shooting guard trooped to the stripe with eight seconds left on the clock and missed both charities. Hammond collared the rebound and quickly passed the ball to Viray, who then swung the leather to Lauron.

Lauron, with the clock, ticking down drove strong to the basket and nearly fumbled when Melvin Cadiang reached in for the steal. Lauron went on to keep the possession and banked in a layup that put Ace Hardware on top, 66-65, with a second remaining in the match.

Again, the Patriots called a timeout and were pressed to go for a catch-and-shoot play. Aranda did the inbound and took some time before he released the ball as he had Hammond's long arms in front of him. Finally, Galarse received the inbound pass from the right sideline and took a long heave, which hit nothing but air, preserving Ace Hardware's precarious lead and win.

Viray top-scored for Ace Hardware with his 15 points, while Quan chipped in 11. Galarse, Aranda, and Jaymark De Guzman had 14 apiece to lead the Patriots.

In the first game, 5-Star Construction outclassed the Talaabwogh Stars, 84-79.

5-Star (2-2) finished strong to steal the win from the Talaabwogh Stars (0-4), which entered the fourth period with a 58-52 advantage. 5-Star slowly worked its way back into the game and stole the lead, thanks to the combined efforts of Michael Cabanas, Angelo Fernando, and Jeff Munar. Cabanas had 11 of his 20 points in the final frame, while Fernando contributed 9, and Munar drilled 7 of his 10 in the payoff canto. Fernando ended up with a team-high 22 points, while Jestoni Pineda was the other double-figure scorer for 5-Star, logging 20, 5 of them came in the fourth, including three clutch free throws.

Joseph Lifoifoi Jr. had 28 points on a losing effort for the Talaabwogh Stars, while Henry Aguon registered 26. They were the only players on their team to score in twin digits, while the next best scorer on the squad, Rahwo Sulap, recorded just 6 points.

### First Game

**5-Star Construction 83** — Fernando 22, Pineda 20, Cabanas 20, Munar 10, Hernaez 3, Estanislaco 3, Macahito 2, Penalba 2.

**Talaabwogh Stars 79** — H. Aguon 26, J. Lifoifoi 23, Sulap 6, F. Lifoifoi 5, Sunumai 4, Arthur 3, M. Aguon 2, Evangelista 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-17, 34-41, 52-58, 84-79.

### Second Game

**Ace Hardware 66** — Viray 15, Quan 11, B. Sablan 8, Brennan 6, Hammond 7, J. Sablan 5, Evans 4, Lauron 3, Babauta 2, Camacho 2, Younis 2, Rabauliman 1.

**San Antonio Patriots 65** — De Guzman 14, Galarse 14, Aranda 14, Deleon Guerrero 7, Cadiang 7, Kintaro 6, Flores 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-18, 37-37, 50-48, 66-65.

# 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League Boys U14

**PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO**

MP United Football Club, right, and Shirley's FC, left, players battle for possession during their boys U14 division game in the 2016 NMIFA Youth Fall League last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.

Shirley's FC's McGarrett Songao, right, and MP United's Daniele Colombo nudge each other as they fight for the ball.

MP United's Rinto Takahashi, right, stops the ball, while a Shirley's defender moves in for defense.

Shirley's FC's McGarrett Songao, center, is sandwiched by two MP United defenders.

A Shirley's FC defender, second left, tries to block the ball hit by MP United's Jon Villagomez, left.

MP United's Jon Villagomez, dribbles away from two Shirley's FC players.

MP United's Eun Syu Hahn, right, beats a Shirley's player and teammate Daniele Colombo to the ball.

Two Shirley's defenders face MP United's Jon Villagomez, while Rintaro Miyawaki waits for the pass.

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# Lee inches closer to finals

## Ace Hardware nips Patriots

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Ace Hardware escaped with a 66-65 victory against the San Antonio Patriots in the second game in the Mariana Islands Basketball Federation's Inaugural Men's Outdoor League last Wednesday night at the San Antonio court.

Alex Lauron hit the winning basket in the closing seconds, giving Ace Hardware a 3-0 record and a

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Ace Hardware's Alex Lauron, left, pulls up for a short jumper against the outstretched arms of the San Antonio Patriots' Melvin Cadiang, center, while Jester Kintaro looks on during the fourth quarter of their game in the MIBF outdoor caging last Wednesday at the San Antonio court.

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Carol Lee, seen here returning a shot during an ITF Juniors event in Guam this year, is in the semi-finals of the doubles event of the ITF Waikato-Bays Under 18s Championships in New Zealand.

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The CNMI's Carol Lee is a step away from advancing to the finals of the doubles event in the ITF Waikato-Bays Under 18s Championships in New Zealand.

Lee and her partner Ayana Rengiil clinched a semis berth in the doubles competition after sweeping Japan's Sophie Hamada and New Zealand's Sophie Michl in their quarterfinal game yesterday at the Waikato Tennis Centre in East Hamilton. The two Pacific Oceania players, who are seeded second in the main draw, cruised to a 6-1 victory in the first set against their unranked opponents and then played even better in the second, 6-0, to move a step closer to a finals stint in the ITF Junior ranking tournament.

Lee and Rengiil will vie for the finals ticket today when they take on the Australian pair of Chiara Di Tommaso and Ivana Popovic. The fifth-ranked Aussies made it to the Final Four and arranged a semis showdown against Lee and Rengiil at the bottom half of the draw after a 6-3, 6-2 upset over the No. 4 seed duo of Shaylee Syme and Caitlin Ward on New Zealand.

The other semis pairing will have top-ranked Kiwis Janvhi Clark and Ashleigh Harvey battling No. 3 Tallulah Farrow and Lisa Mays of Australia. Clark and Harvey barged into the Final Four following a 6-3, 6-1 triumph over sisters Lauren and Paige Alter, also of New Zealand. The Aussies took only two sets, too to beat No. 6 and New Zealand's Brook Kenny and Holly Stewart, 6-3, 6-4, and move into the next round.

Meanwhile, in the singles event, Lee bowed to No. 9-ranked Popovic. The CNMI netter engaged Popovic in a back-and-forth match in the first set of their quarterfinal duel before losing, 5-7. The Australian went on to complete the sweep with an easier 6-2 win in the second to book a semis ticket opposite the second-seeded Harvey, who outlasted Georgia Townsend, 1-6, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (3). Mays and Clark will collide in the other semis tiff following their victories over Oleksandra Kalachova, 6-2, 6-3, and Christy Robinson, 6-2, 6-0, respectively.

The tournament in Hamilton is Lee's second in New Zealand and is tougher than the one she had in Auckland last week.

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## MOC to field men's team in Micro Cup

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Marianas Outrigger Canoe's men's team is on the long list of CNMI squads that will be competing in the Micro Cup 2016 in Palau later this month.

MOC coach/paddler Dino Manning said their men's crew is made up of nine people and they will be competing in four events in the Micro Cup, which will be held in the waters off Meyuns Ramp in Koror from Oct. 21

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Marianas Outrigger Canoe paddlers compete in a local race held early this year in the waters off Sandy Beach Homes in Chalan Kanoa. MOC will send its men's team to Palau this month to participate in the Micro Cup 2016.